

Exhibit P7
Individuals

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I1****John and Mickey Allen**

From: **Mickey** <jackpinesavageco@earthlink.net>
 Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 2:33 PM
 Subject: Gateway South DEIS
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Attn: Tamara Gertsch

Dear Ms. Gertsch,

We are an old retired couple, heavy equipment operator for Rio Blanco County Road & Bridge and nurse. We've lived in Rangely for 38 years.

We understand that the Little Snake choice in routing Gateway South will be much easier to accomplish. What disturbs us is this: we will be losing little—hopefully little—chunks of sage grouse habitat. Maybe it won't make much difference, but maybe it will. And if the sage grouse population gets down to the level that would precipitate Endangered Species listing, the resultant problems would be enormous for almost everyone. Why not use the Hwy. 13 route and make listing a little less likely? A little harder now, way easier in the future. And we love to drive along the Little Snake the way it is now. It's beautiful. And a trip a year ago to watch the sage grouse dance was an experience we will never forget.

Sincerely,
 John and Mickey Allen
 PO Box 887
 Rangely, CO 81648
 970-675-2421
jackpinesavageco@earthlink.net

I1a

I1a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

I2

Nancy and Victor Anderson

From: **Nancy & Victor Anderson** <victora2@carbonpower.net>

Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 8:11 PM

Subject: eis comments

To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

My comments on this eis are divided into two categories, those affecting cultural resources in my immediate area (from Aeolus to Fort Steele) and those affecting my family personally.

This is an unbelievable document, full of repetition and extraneous information, which seems plugged in from some wikipedia in the sky. Instead of a true inventory of cultural resources, there appears a general timeline of Wyoming history, much of it dubious upon close inspection. I have been acquainted with this area for fifty years, ridden much of it on horseback, studied it, gathered stories about it. While some consideration is given the trails and a passing nod to Fort Fred Steele and the ghost town of Carbon, as examples, where are the pit houses uncovered during Hanna's mining operations, where is the discussion of the West's most important transportation corridor: the original line of the Union Pacific, the Lincoln Highway (both misplaced in the mention which does appear), the route of the first airmail flights? Artifacts of all these remain intact. May I suggest surveys be done on the ground instead of from cyberspace or at 9,000 feet?

As for the "C grade" for scenery, the BLM confirmed that these grades were given for the ability of the BLM to control what occurred there rather than for an aesthetic judgement. Your document seems to use this "C grade" as justification for cluttering the landscape.

My husband and I attended the open house in Rawlins. It was rather disconcerting to discover that the preferred line would have one foot in our house and another in the chicken house. Moreover, the presenters apologized by telling us that according to their records, we didn't actually own that property; my husband's family homesteaded here over eighty years ago.

The real question is not a choice of route but how can such material be considered for any purpose.

Sincerely,

Victor Anderson

Nancy Anderson, Director, Hanna Basin Museum

Response(s)

As stated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the discussion of the prehistory and history of the three states involved in the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project (Project) (Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah) is intended to provide a chronology and cultural framework, as well as a general, descriptive overview of the regions. The material presented speaks to previously established temporal schemes and archaeological and historical evidence/events that provide valuable information to be used in the review processes as well as for future intensive-level surveys and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations. These cultural contexts are not comprehensive histories of the regions, but a first step in assessing the significance of the regions and determining how to look at the regions' cultural resources. As survey work is conducted, the historic contexts, cultural themes, and significant cultural resources presented will be further discussed (Class I and Class III inventory reports).

The cultural context is not intended to provide a comprehensive overview of all significant cultural resources in south-central Wyoming (i.e., near the Project area); rather, the information is focused on the specific areas and cultural resources (some identified as key issues) where the proposed Project would be located. A more detailed discussion on key issues was provided early in Section 3.2.20 under the subheading Issues Identified for Analysis Fort Fred Steele Historic Site, Ghost Town of Carbon, and the Overland and Cherokee historic trails). The Fort Fred Steele Historic Site is located 2.54 miles north of proposed Link W30 (all WYCO alternative routes and route variations). The historic town of Carbon is located approximately 10 miles east-southeast of Hanna in Carbon County, south of proposed Link W22. Due to their distance from the Project, Fort Fred Steele and Carbon would not be subject to direct effects from the Project. There is some potential for indirect effects resulting from the Project if a WYCO alternative route or route variation was selected. The Union Pacific and the Lincoln Highway are located in the Project area and were discussed throughout the document, being first mentioned in the historic outline under their period of consideration. If one of the WYCO alternative routes or route variations is selected, a Class III intensive pedestrian inventory (survey) of the selected route and associated roads, substations, and ancillary facilities would be conducted. All cultural resources sites identified would be documented and evaluated for eligibility for the NRHP and appropriate selective mitigation measures identified in consultation with involved state and federal land-management agencies and private landowners.

I2b See next page for response to I2b.

I2c See next page for response to I2c.

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Response(s) - continued

I2

Nancy and Victor Anderson - continued

I2b

According to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Handbook 8410, “Scenic quality is a measure of the visual appeal of a tract of land. ... An important premise of the evaluation is that all public lands have scenic value, but areas with the most variety and most harmonious composition have the greatest scenic value”. The scenery classifications were used to assess level of impacts on scenery with the areas of Class A and B receiving higher impacts than Class C for a given level of contrast. It is important to note, the visual assessment also includes impacts on views from residences, recreation sites, travel routes, and special designations, which were assessed independently from impacts on scenery.

I2c

Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (Applicant), during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), the Applicant’s standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I3

Rian B. Anderson

From: **Rian B. Anderson** <rian@cut.net>
 Date: Tue, Apr 29, 2014 at 8:54 AM
 Subject: Comment on Draft EIS and LUPAs
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Dear Sirs:

I support the AGENCY PREFERRED ROUTE for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project and encourage you to use this route.

I highly oppose the portion of the Applicant Preferred Route that dips down through Carbon and Sanpete Counties.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rian B. Anderson
 45 S 400 E
 Fairview, UT 84629
 435-427-9388
rian@cut.net

I3a

I3a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I4

Vito Angelotti

From: **Vito Angelotti** <vitoangelotti73@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 4, 2014 at 8:55 PM
Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project Draft EIS
To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

To the Responsible Government Official:

Can the government make up its own acronyms on the fly? FYI, "LUPA" means "she-wolf" or "prostitute" or "bitch" in Italy and the finer parts of New Jersey.

Seems like our tax money and utility payments were wasted by taking so long to produce such a massive document that says so little.

Vito R. Angelotti
Embarrassed Tax Payer

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I5

Ray Beck



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BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Or you can submit comments via email to GatewaySouth.WYMail@blm.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: RAY BECK Date: 4-1-2014
 Title: COUNCILMAN Organization that you represent: CRAIG CITY COUNCIL Self ☐
 Mailing address: _____ City: CRAIG State: CO Zip: 81625
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Thank you for hosting the open house, it
has been very informative!
Looking forward to the actual construction

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I5a

Comment noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I6****Tyler Bench**

From: <TYLERBENCH@comcast.net>
 Date: Fri, May 9, 2014 at 12:52 PM
 Subject: Support for BLM alternate route
 To: gatewaysouth_wymail@blm.gov

Ms Gertsch,

As a property owner within the 2-mile corridor of the industry preferred route (specifically, I own property in the Gooseberry Estates subdivision at the top of Fairview Canyon), I wanted to voice my support of the BLM preferred route through central Utah that will go down the north side of Highway 6, turn south at Highway 89 and continue to Nephi. I understand that there are many that have the "not in my back yard" mindset, and in this instance I would have to admit I am one of them. However, there are many other factors that lead me to support the BLM alternate route. First, the BLM preferred route impacts fewer residences, specifically in the Fairview area. Second, the BLM preferred route follows currently existing energy corridors, eliminating the needs to scar the landscape by removing trees, brush and other mature vegetation. Third, the BLM preferred route would not be in the vicinity of the Highway 89 Heritage Highway and would not impact the National Scenic Byway route in Fairview Canyon (which would be impacted by two crossings if the industry preferred route is approved).

While I understand that I am one voice with my own opinion, I know that there are thousands more out there, many which haven't provided their comments, that share these same sentiments as I do. I would urge the BLM to look at the overall impact to the National Forest, private landowners and historical designations and place more weight on these factors than on Rocky Mountain Power's cost to construct this project. Costs will be recouped (it may take a few years longer) and RMP will not be harmed if they have to wait a little while longer to recoup their investment BUT long term impact as a result of installing this power line in an area which has not been disturbed, will never recover, no matter how well they try to reclaim their right of way.

I urge you to deny RMP's proposed route and support the BLM preferred route.

Respectfully,

Tyler Bench
 Lot 11
 Gooseberry Estates Subdivision, Skyline Property Owners Association
 801-831-8046

I6a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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David Bigelow



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Name: DAVID BIGELOW Date: 5-18-14
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self: ☒
 Mailing address: 163450, 3250 EA. City: PRICE State: UT Zip: 84501
 Telephone (optional): 435-637-1421

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL OF RUNNING THE NEW TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH UPPER ARGYLE CANYON, I CONSIDER THIS VERY INSENSITIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF THE LAND OWNERS WHO OVER THE YEARS HAVE PUT THEIR BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS INTO THEIR PROPERTIES FOR THE SOUL PURPOSE OF HAVING A PLACE TO RETREAT TOO AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF FAMILY & FRIENDS IN A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT THAT REFRESHES THE SOUL AND CARRYS ON THE TRADITION OF AMERICAN FREEDOM, THAT OUR FATHERS FOUGHT & DIED FOR IN THEIR TIME. THE IDEA A SAGE GROUSE TAKES PRIORITY OVER OUR FAMILIES IS COMPLETELY ALIEN TO WHAT THOSE

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Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)**

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David Bigelow (cont.)

17a

THAT LIVED BEFORE US IN THIS GREAT NATION
AND DIED FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVED IN SO
THAT WE OF THE PRESENT DAY GENERATIONS
CAN AND DO ENJOY THE FREEDOM THAT
WAS SO HEAVILY SACRIFICED FOR.

I SAY NO TO A TRANSMISSION LINE
THROUGH ARGYLE CANYON.

YOURS TRULY

M. DAVID BIGELOW

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Deanna D. Bigelow



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Name: Deanna D. Fiegelow Date: 03-25-14

Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☐

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: *(Please use back if additional space is needed)*

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Deanna D. Bigelow (cont.)

Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
CommentName: Deanna Bigelow Date: March 24, 2014 Organization represented: Land owner

I, as a Private land/cabin owner in the area of the proposed Energy Gateway South Transmission Project in Duchesne County, have a great deal of concern over this Project going through the beautiful mountains of the Argyle Canyons where many families have had family cabins for generations, instead of going through BLM land with its open range and no private land/cabin owners in these particular areas for the following reasons:

18a

1.It is hard for me to believe the EPA along with Fish&Game and Wildlife Resources are willing, actually willing, to put the Sage Grouse and it's habitat *before and over* that of people, fellow human-beings, who have family cabins and personal property in the same area.

18b

2.The Sage Grouse isn't even on the ESA listing...as of yet. They are only on a "waiting" list because other species, who are in more danger, are ahead of them.

3.The Sage Grouse has a *very wide* range area that covers 8, yes, 8 Western States. Washington, Eastern California, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, North Dakota and Montana along with Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada.

4.The Sage Grouse only lives 1-1½ years and are then replaced by others. Many large trees in the proposed areas of the mountains have been there for 100's of years and are now being threatened by the project, in comparison.

5.The Sage Grouse will, of necessity, move out of the area during construction of the power lines then will move right back in after it is over. There will then be no threat to them by the towers or power lines. Cattle will also graze peacefully on BLM land under the power lines and near the towers for years to come.

18c

6.The large monarch evergreen trees that are threatened to be destroyed permanently in the Argyle Canyons will take many, many years to grow others in their stead...if that would even happen if their species are destroyed in large masses. The Sage Brush can be reseeded and in a very few years will flourish once again.

7.The project will leave a very large foot print, or scar of destruction in the mountain area of the Argyle Canyons for years to come whereas, the sagebrush and grasses will cover rather quickly.

18d

8.The area of Argyle Canyons effected buy the EGSTP is a *very minuet* distance in comparison to the many, many miles across two states, Wyoming and Utah, yet is very precious and important to the landowners that have beloved generational cabins in that particular area.

18e

9.Why is it *so* necessary to take away such a small area from people, human-beings when the Sage Grouse has 8+ states and lower Canada to roam and flourish???

18a

Comment and route preference noted. Refer to Section 2.5.1.3, Screening and Comparing Alternatives, in the Final EIS. This section outlines the systematic analysis used to screen and compare alternatives, which was used to narrow the number of alternative routes and route variations for analysis and to determine the most environmentally acceptable alternative routes and route variations to be addressed in the EIS. The Agency Preferred Alternative on federal lands will be the alternative route or route variation the BLM, in coordination with the cooperating agencies, believes would fulfill its statutory mission and responsibilities, giving consideration to economic, environmental, technical, and other factors. Refer to Section 2.7.1 for more information.

18b

Comment noted. The current status of sage-grouse populations and threats to survival are described in Appendix J, Section J.6.2.1, under the heading Greater sage-grouse, Primary Threats to Survival. The impacts of transmission lines and other types of disturbance on sage-grouse were analyzed using the best scientific information. These are summarized in Section 3.2.8.4.3.

18c

Comment noted. Impacts on montane forest vegetation communities from Alternatives COUT-B and COUT-C are addressed in Section 3.2.5. Impacts from route variations are addressed in Appendix F. Impacts on visual resources are addressed in Section 3.2.18.

18d

Comment and route preference noted. Based on comments received on the Draft EIS, the Applicant coordinated with some representatives of the Argyle Wilderness Protection Corporation to identify alternative route refinements and variations in this area that would avoid or reduce potential impacts on existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These route variations have been analyzed for the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

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See response to Comment 18b.

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Devin Bigelow



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Name: Devin Bigelow Date: 05-19-14
 Title: Nil Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
 Mailing address: 100 Stock St City: Helper State: WY Zip: 82426
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Save private land!! Save Private land!!
Save private land
Homan Habatake is more important than that of Sage Grouse
and other wildlife.
Save private land!!

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Comment noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I10

Janet Blytheway

From: **Janet Blytheway** <jgil99@aol.com>
 Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2014 at 8:53 AM
 Subject: Fwd: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
 To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Janet Bytheway <jgil99@aol.com>
Date: April 24, 2014 at 10:28:29 AM MDT
To: "GatewaySouthWYmail@blm.gov" <GatewaySouthWYmail@blm.gov>
Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project

I10a

As a resident of Milburn, Ut my husband and I are opposed to the suggested route of the electrical transmission lines to be built through the Fairview valley. **We support the alternate route suggested by the BLM.**

Sent from my iPad

I10a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

111

Elma Broadhead

E & S Transmission
Planning Group LLC.

208 East 800 So.

Salt Lake City Utah.

To whom it may Concern:
I am writing this letter in regard
to the property I have in Triunfo
Utah, Duchesne County

I do not want the electric line you
are planning ^{or} putting on said property.
(my property) on my land.
To do so with out my permission
would be trespassing.
If you would like to let him of me.
(Call- 801-254-9161)

Elma Broadhead
Mrs Foren Broadhead.

Elma Broadhead
Jan 9, 2014
Riverton Utah.
84065

111a Comment noted.

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Response(s)

I12

Elizabeth Campbell



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Name: <u>Elizabeth Campbell</u>	Date: <u>9/2/14</u>
Title: <u>Parent</u>	Organization that you represent: _____ Self: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mailing address: <u>P.O. Box 125</u>	City: <u>Dixon</u> State: <u>WY</u> Zip: <u>82323</u>
Telephone (optional): <u>307-380-6240</u>	

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I prefer The Applicants Preferred LING.

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I12a

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Response(s)

I13

Bud Carlson



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Name: Bud Carlson Date: April 20, 2014
Title: Citizen Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
Mailing address: Box 208 City: Fairview State: WY Zip: 82427
Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I would like to express my concern about one of the proposed routes of the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. The one that is proposed that enters Sanpete Co. from the east, traveling along a National Scenic Byway then crosses through a Pioneer Heritage area just north of Fairview WY. These areas were set up by the US government years ago. Any future development for Fairview would fall in the proposed route.

The BLM has already stated it favors the existing corridor a few miles north where I live is already in place. This is by far the best place for more lines with little impact on the area. Why destroy new areas when one is already being used to go the same destination, without creating problems for local people in the new area.

I Vote For BLM favored route

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Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers along with all residences. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway both in Fairview Canyon and atop the Wasatch Plateau, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I13a

I13b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**114****Carolyn Carter – Carter Family Trust****Response(s)**

From: carolyn carter <carolync60@gmail.com>
 Date: Mon, May 19, 2014 at 6:44 PM
 Subject: Fwd: Comments regarding the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov
 Cc: carolyn carter <carolync60@gmail.com>, "lesismore99@msn.com" <lesismore99@msn.com>

Hello Tamara,

It was a pleasure to talk with you and others involved in this project at the open house in Nephi. Sorry the about the delay in our comments to go with the Map we left with you. We have been dealing with family health issue.

Please find attached the Comments Form and the comments from Dolores Carter and the other trust members.

I hope you find these understandable and informative along with the map of our property that you have.

Please let me know you received this email with the two attachments. I will be accepting the correspondence for my mother and other trust members.

You can call me on my Cell Phone 435-632-6308 if you need any clarification on the attached comments.

Thank you again,

Carolyn Stuercke
 Daughter of Dolores Carter
 and Power of Attorney

Comment(s)

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Carolyn Carter – Carter Family Trust (cont.)

Response(s)



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Name: Dolores Carter Date: _____
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Dolores Carter Trust Self ☐
 Mailing address: 1030 Quail Ridge Dr City: Washington State: Ut Zip: 84780
 Telephone (optional): 435-632-6380

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

See Attached Comments

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Carolyn Carter – Carter Family Trust (cont.)

Comments Regarding the

Gateway South Transmission Project

Draft EIS and Land- Use Plan Amendments

From Dolores Carter Trust

- I14a 1- We would suggest that the line follow the existing corridor to the north of our property to centralize the power lines.
- I14b 2- We would like to point out the natural springs in the northwest corner of our property.
- I14c 3- We would like to point out that our property is a place where wild geese land and nest near the springs.
- I14d 4- We as a family have an ongoing plan to improve the property which began 5 years ago with one structure completed and another under construction. Please refer to the map we gave you during the open house for proposed future structures.
- I14e 5- We would recommend that you look to the south for areas to cross where it is still undeveloped farmland with no current improvements currently in process.
- I14f 6- As you can see from the Map the existing plan divides our property into two triangles going almost from corner to corner. We would suggest a less invasive route through our property.
- I14g 7- If no other options exist we would suggest going down the south property line to the end of our property and then heading towards the substation. This would then miss the springs in the northwest corner that feed Burstyn pond that provide habituate for the geese. It would also follow a route that does not have development currently or in a planning stage.
- I14h 8- It is important for us as a family to preserve the land for the use and education of our posterity to assure their understanding of the importance of the earth. We are committed to a safe and clean environment for our family. We also understand the need to support progress in a responsible way. We feel very strongly that our needs to provide safety for our family and livestock should be considered in the placement of this line.
- Thank you for accepting our comments and it is our hope and desire that you will reconsider your current route as a result of this information.

Sincerely,

The Carter Family Trust

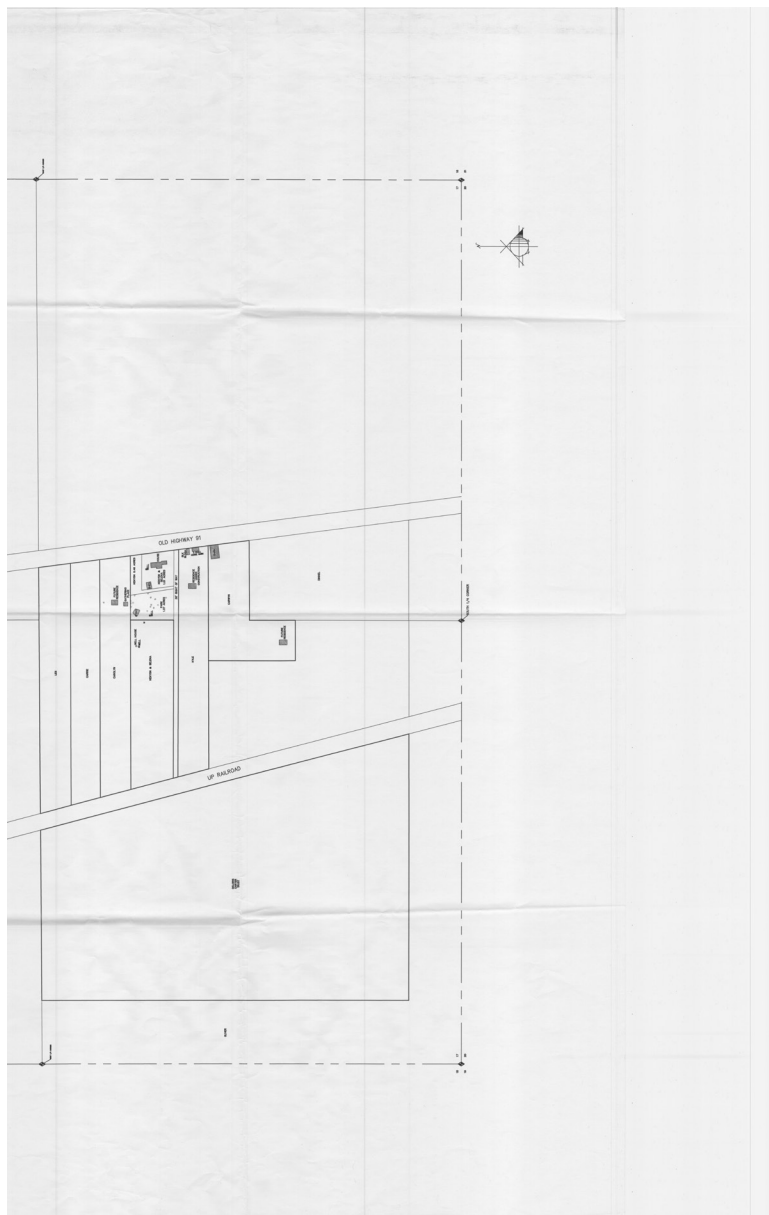
- I14a Comment and route preference noted.
- I14b Comment noted. All information for natural springs and all other water resources was acquired from state water engineers and is the most current information available. Potential direct and indirect impacts on water resources are described in Section 3.2.4. Surveys for wetlands and other waters would be completed in all areas with the potential to be affected by the Project, and water resources such as springs would be avoided to the extent practicable under Design Feature 9. Any impacts on water resources would require authorization by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
- I14c Comment noted. Impacts on migratory birds are analyzed in Section 3.2.9.
- I14d Comment and route preference noted. The location of the alternative route was adjusted where possible to follow section lines and existing features to avoid dividing this parcel.
- I14e Comment and route preference noted.
- I14f Comment and route preference noted. The location of the alternative route was adjusted where possible to follow section lines and existing features to avoid dividing this parcel.
- I14g Comment and route preference noted.
- I14h Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

114

Carolyn Carter – Carter Family Trust (cont.)



Comment(s)

I15

John Clark

Response(s)



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Name: John Clark Date: _____
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: SELF Self ☐
 Mailing address: PO Box 11 City: Baggs State: WY Zip: 82321
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I15a

WYCO BORC Route is OK with me.

I15a

☐ Comment and route preference noted.

I15b

Some How you have to get Energy from Point A to Point B

I15b

☐ Comment noted.

I15c

try to do as little harm as possible as you pass thru - thanks jcn

I15c

☐ Comment noted.

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Comment(s)

116

Barry L. Cook

Response(s)



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Name: Barry Cook Date: _____
 Title: Mr. Organization that you represent: Self Self ☒
 Mailing address: 3827 W. Deer Barton Cir City: WY Valley City State: WY Zip: 84120
 Telephone (optional): 801-996-6730

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

My father has a cabin and land in Huckle Canyon. I have seen deer, fox, rabbits, sage grouse, bear, and many other wild life in the areas of these canyons. I have also seen deer and sage grouse on the BLM near Swan Rock rd where power lines, gas wells and other type of projects all the while I saw one doing just fine!! After the power line is installed on BLM land the wildlife will come back and do just fine!! Saving the wildlife in Huckle Canyon are just as important as those on the BLM land. leave private land private!!

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116a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Camilyn Cook

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Name: Camilyn Cook Date: 4/4/2014
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
 Mailing address: 3827 W. Warm Bay City: WVC State: UT Zip: 84120
 Telephone (optional): 801-608-4842

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I am of the opinion if the power companies have an alternate route other than Reyle Canyons the BLM ought to use them and leave the private land alone!
 Please respect the land owner's right to own property!!

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117a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

118

I. Branch Cox

Response(s)



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Website: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/gateway_south.html

Email: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Or you can submit comments via email to GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Postal address: BLM Wyoming State Office,
ATTN: Tamara Gertsch, P.O. Box 21150, Cheyenne, WY, 82003

For more information: Tamara Gertsch, (307) 775-6115

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Name: I. Branch Cox Date: March 27 2014
Title: CEO Central Energy Organization that you represent: Primus Self ☒
Mailing address: P.O. Box 370 City: Fairview State: WY Zip: 82469
Telephone (optional): 435-469-1369

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

please see attached letter.

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Comment(s)**Response(s)****I18****I. Branch Cox (cont.)**

I. Branch Cox

PO Box 370

Fairview, UT 84629

Bureau of Land Management

BLM Wyoming State Office

PO Box 21150

Cheyenne, WY 82003

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the proposal by Rocky Mountain Power to install a large power line through the scenic Fairview Canyon and Skyline Drive. Fairview has been my home for over sixty years and before that it has been home to my father, grandfather, and great grandfather; clear back to the beginning establishment. My children, grandchildren and I, love Fairview and all the opportunities it has to offer.

Although I call Fairview home, I have traveled around the world and every time I return, I feel a deep appreciation for the breathtaking and unique beauty that can be found right near my home. Fairview Canyon is a pristine place that many people, in addition to myself, have found to be highly enjoyable. Snowmobiling, ATV riding, camping, boating, fishing, hunting, snowboarding, and wind kiting are just a few of the recreational activities that draw thousands of people to the canyon each year.

Large power lines in nearby communities have left long and wide scars on nature's beauty and doing the same to Fairview Canyon would be unfavorable. Power lines need to be placed in locations where they won't affect the scenic view or recreational activities for thousands of community members and tourists. Fairview Canyon and Skyline Drive are places that nature's beauty shines its brightest and having a large unsightly power line in the way of that view would forever diminish its value.

Please look at all your options and consider preserving Fairview Canyon and Skyline Drive's natural beauty.

Sincerely,



I. Branch Cox

I18a Comment and route preference noted.

I18b Due to the sensitivity of views from these and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway and Skyline Drive, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts and other resource effects, these alternative routes and route variations were not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I19

Allen M. Day, M.D.

April 28, 2014

Allen Day, M.D.
11975 East 24560 North
Fairview, Utah 84629
435-427-3641

Tamara Gertsch, National Project Manager
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

Dear Tamara:

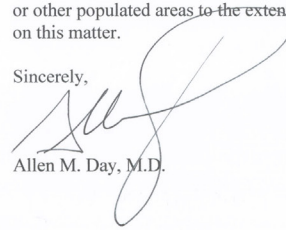
I19a

I am writing this letter regarding the proposed Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project that will be running through parts of Utah. As a resident of Fairview in Sanpete County, Utah, I along with my neighbors could be impacted greatly by this project. This is a small town in the center of Utah. It has great historical significance and a rich heritage. Because of this, the United States Congress in 2006 designated our town and Highway 89 as the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area and also a National Scenic Byway. In addition, Fairview Canyon has been designated a National Scenic Byway. Can you imagine a large power line running directly through and across such an area. The large metal towers would be incongruous with this designation and undo the work that has already been done to maintain this heritage. There has also been mention that not only one power line but two (the Transwest Express Transmission Line Project) would also run through this area.

I19b

I am opposed to your preferred route. Using the BLM route up Highway 6 where an easement for these kind of utilities already exists would be much better. It would not cross towns or other populated areas to the extent that your preferred route would. Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,


Allen M. Day, M.D.

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I19a

Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers along with all residences. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway both in Fairview Canyon and atop the Wasatch Plateau, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I19b

Based on high impacts on views from residences and the scenic byway in this natural setting, in context with other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I20

Mike Dennis – Bernell A. Dennis Family Trust

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The Dennis property was homesteaded by our grandfather Philip Dennis in the 1920's. We have a special place on the Southwest side of our ground that has a pond and is very secluded. Our family enjoys getting together for outings and activities in this very private area. It is important to us because this is the only piece of property that is not impacted by the Argyle Subdivision, which surrounds us on all sides. This pristine piece of property has not been sold or subdivided, and is the only place on our property with no neighbors. The Power Line is to go right by our pond.

I20a

This Dennis property is the only legacy left to us by our Grandfather, Father, Aunts and Uncles. There are remnants of logging with horses by our Grandfather that we wish not to be disturbed. There are numerous wildlife: Bear, Elk, Deer, Moose, Cougars, Snowshoe Rabbits, Turkey etc. that drink from the pond and springs on our property. The water is very limited in this area and may be disrupted if the power lines are to go through here. This property also has very steep terrain with 100 plus year old pine and aspen trees which could cause access to be very costly to everyone involved. Fire danger from High Voltage lines is a concern to us since we witnessed a horrific fire last year close to our property.

I20b

If the Power Lines go through this area of our property, it would open the door for at least two other Power Lines, and would also allow nonfamily to come onto our property. My sister, Lois Woffinden, is very sensitive to Electrical Magnetic Forces. Our property is one place where she can come to get away from EMF. We are very concerned that if these Power Lines go through our property, my sister will experience headaches and other medical problems related to the EMF emitted from these lines.

I20c

Pacific Corp. has proposed a route that turns south of the BLM proposed route. We are suggesting an alternate route that uses part of the Pacific Corps. preferred route from a point in Township T 11 S. 13 E. between U407 and U408 along a portion of the Pacific Corp. route to T 12 S. 12 E. Section 01, along this route to a point in Section 01 T 12 S. 11 E. at U525. From there through Sections 36, 35, and 34 in T 11 S. 10 E. and to a point between U514 & U520 in Section 27 T 11 S. 10 E. to the BLM preferred route.

It goes through Witmoor Park where there is already Natural Gas disturbance. The line could then be headed back up the BLM preferred route near Hwy 191, about U514 in Section 27 T 11 S. 10 E. This route would not impact the Dennis property as well as the small 10-40 acre properties in the AWPA. It would not impact any springs, wells, cabins or other infrastructures now under protest.

The Pacific Corp. route, to where it ties back to the BLM route, has had an EIS done as well as Archeological and Historical studies. The power line would have a smaller footprint than the gas and oil operations already there. The Sage Grouse would not be affected from this line as much as from the gas field. The route we are suggesting would eliminate a lot of litigation from property owners in the Argyle Canyon South. It would follow terrain that has less trees and vegetation and is open for maintenance and the monitoring of the power line. There are not as many private property owners that would be affected. These lines can be designed so that hawks and eagles and other raptors could not use the power line to search for prey.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Mike Dennis

Executor of the Bernell A. Dennis Family Trust

I20a

Potential impacts on wildlife species resulting from transmission lines are disclosed in Sections 3.2.8.4.3 and 3.2.7.4.3. Potential impacts on fire and fire ecology are presented in Section 3.2.21.

I20b

The potential for other power lines is discussed in Chapter 4 of the EIS.

Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use, which would be carried forward into the Plan of Development (POD). The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from electromagnetic fields (EMF); however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

There are also concerns about potential sensitivity to EMF, a condition frequently called electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS). According to the WHO's Fact Sheet on EHS, a number of research studies "indicate that EHS individuals cannot detect EMF" and in scientific studies EHS individuals' "symptoms were not correlated with EMF exposure." While the Fact Sheet recognizes that the symptoms of EHS individuals may be real, they are likely unrelated to EMF.

I20c

Comment and route preference noted. Based on comments received on the Draft EIS, the Applicant coordinated with some representatives of the Argyle Wilderness Protection Corporation to identify alternative route refinements and variations in this area that would avoid or reduce potential impacts on existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These route variations have been analyzed for the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I21

Robert G. Dotson

March 1, 2014

Bureau of land management
Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Dear Sir,

I have three lots in Duchesne County, all three lots or in the Fruitland Utah area. I do not give you or anyone else the right to disturb anyway any of the three lots. I do not view you or anyone the right to pass through or under or over any of the three lots.

Whatever damages is caused to the piece and views that all three properties now possess will be at such times after the damages occur. Compensations will be sought after to the fullest degree possible at that time.

So there is no mistake made in you understanding my answer to your proposal of a transmission line devaluing my three properties, I do not give you or anyone else the right to enter any of the three properties, below ground, on the ground, and above ground. Let me say this one more time. I do not give you any rights with my properties.

Robert G Dotson
7368 N. Reed Rd.
Florence Arizona
85132

I21a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I22****Janet Dowland**

From: **Janet** <RANJANFAM@msn.com>
 Date: Wed, Apr 16, 2014 at 12:16 PM
 Subject: Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Dear Tamara,

I22a

Recently I have been informed a power project that could come through our community. I live in Fairview Utah, which is a the gateway to the Skyline drive. The proposed plan would bring power lines down through our pristine canyon and through the property of many of my neighbors. This would be tragic. Our area is known for its beauty and recreational opportunities from camping, fishing hunting and recreation. The power line project would take a great deal away from the natural beauty of our area, which might I add is scenic byway. The construction of the project would have a tragic effect on the canyons stability. I have also been very concerned about the impact on wildlife and our wilderness areas. I am also very concerned about the EMF Pollution and its effect on people and livestock in our area.

I22b

I am writing to plead with the administrators to consider the BLM alternate route which would greatly mitigate the impact of this project in our area. We encourage all those involved to follow the Route proposed by the BLM which goes down the north side of Highway 6 from Helper, then south at Thistle and crosses over to Nephi. The easements already exist along the corridor.

Please protect the beauty, economy and historical aspects of our area.

With great hope of a proper decision in this matter,

Janet Dowland
 Fairview Utah Resident

I22a

The EIS addresses the impacts on the Skyline scenic byway and other recreation activities in Section 3.2.12; on wildlife resources in Sections 3.2.7 and 3.2.8; on wilderness areas in Section 3.2.16; and of EMF in Section 3.2.23.

I22b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Mike Duzik



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Name: MIKE DUZIK Date: April 01, 2014
 Title: OWNER/OPERATOR Organization that you represent: B-K FARMS Self ☒
 Mailing address: 1213 GARDEN City: ARROYO State: CO Zip: 81625
 Telephone (optional): 970-326-8440

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

AREA OF MY INTEREST BETWEEN LINK C-100- and C-101 ALT. ROUTE
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Comment and route preference noted. Regarding private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant's standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

The Agency Preferred Alternative on federal lands will be the alternative route the BLM, in coordination with the cooperating agencies, believes would fulfill its statutory mission and responsibilities, giving consideration to economic, environmental, technical, and other factors. Refer to Section 2.7.1 for more information.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I24

Renee Dykes

2010 Redondo Ave
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108
April 12, 2013

Tamara Gertsch
National Project Manager
P O Box 21150
Cheyenne, Wyo. 82003

in re: Rocky Mountain Gateway So.

For many years my family and I have enjoyed spending time in Sanpete County, particularly the town of Fairview which gives us easy access to excellent camping, hiking and fishing, as well as historic interests.

I24a

Are we to ignore the millions of dollars that have been spent by the BLM and others to promote the area as a National Scenic Byway, partially focusing on our pioneer heritage.

Where else in a little more than an hour's drive could one spend quality time such as is offered in this area.

I've watched the tremendous growth over the years and realize that with growth comes the need for more power, however I truly hope the beauty and tranquility of this lovely valley will not be destroyed by the erection of huge overhead power lines.

I24b

My family and I support the alternate route proposed by the BLM along Highway 6 where easements already exist.

Sincerely,


Renee Dykes

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I24a

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I24b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Sheron East



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Name: Sheron East Date: May 10, 2014
Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
Mailing address: PO Box 278 City: FAIRVIEW State: UT Zip: 84627
Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

As a resident of the beautiful and mostly quiet farming valley of Fairview and Milburg, I am very much opposed to the building of power lines and towers thru here. It is one of the last such valleys around here. Since there is an alternate route available to your project that already has lines thru it, please use it. Please consider our way of life as just as important as the people far away from here who will consume the

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125a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

125b ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I25

Sheron East (cont.)

I25b

power that travels these
lines.

Sincerely
Sheron East

Comment(s)

I26

Don and Kathleen Eicher – Letter Dated April 17, 2014

Juan Palmer, Director
BLM Utah State Office
440 W. 200 S. Ste. 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Dear Mr. Palmer,

I just learned about High Power Transmission Line Projects that may come through Fairview Canyon. I prefer you choose the BLM alternate route.

One Proposed route comes down beautiful Fairview Canyon and would cross Highway 89 at Fairview City. This area is designated as a National Scenic Byway and Fairview is the "Gate Way City."

The drive up Fairview Canyon and Skyline drive will be impacted. This area is also used for hunting, fishing and tourism. Lines down the canyon would affect the local economy, since visitors would no longer want to visit the natural beauty of the canyon. The BLM route would not affect local economies.

Another major reason I am concerned is that one of the proposed routes goes through Fairview city's Northern easement. We worry about the electro magnetic fields that would be generated. Animals near high power lines have been seen to shake. The fields also block television and radio signals that would be wanted by people in that area of town. Fires are also a concern since power lines caused the Wood Hollow Fire in 2012. It would be much nicer if you chose the BLM route. The power lines on the BLM alternate route would be much less disruptive.

Many farmers irrigate their lands so they can grow alfalfa. The rolling irrigation lines would not be able to move through a field where there are transmission towers. The BLM route mostly passes through non-irrigated land.

I think towers in Fairview Canyon would not be stable. The canyon is very steep and slides occur frequently. Trails formed for maintaining the lines would encourage unsightly ATV trails that also would impact wildlife in the canyon.

Please choose the BLM route for the transmission lines. It is the best way, and if multiple lines could use the same route there would much less disruption to other areas. Clearing land for the lines and maintenance trails could be shared at a lower cost.

Thank You,

Don Eicher Kathleen Eicher
Don & Kathleen Eicher

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Don & Kathleen Eicher
PO Box 152
Fairview, UT 84629
April 17, 2014

Response(s)

I26a Comment and route preference noted.

I26b Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers along with all residences. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway both in Fairview Canyon and atop the Wasatch Plateau, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

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I26e See next page for response to I26e.

I26f See next page for response to I26f.

I26g Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**I26****Don and Kathleen Eicher – Letter Dated April 17, 2014 (cont.)****Response(s) - continued****I26e**

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Don and Kathleen Eicher – Letter Dated April 25, 2014

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Don & Kathleen Eicher
PO Box 152
Fairview, UT 84629
April 25, 2014

Tamara Gertsch,
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office, P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

Dear Tamara Gertsch,

127a

I just learned about High Power Transmission Line Projects that may come through Fairview Canyon. I prefer you choose the BLM alternate route.

127b

One Proposed route comes down beautiful Fairview Canyon and would cross Highway 89 at Fairview City. This area is designated as a National Scenic Byway and Fairview is the "Gate Way City."

127c

Another major reason I am concerned is that one of the proposed routes goes through Fairview city's Northern easement. We worry about the electro magnetic fields that would be generated. Animals near high power lines have been seen to shake. The fields also block television and radio signals that would be wanted by people in that area of town. Fires are also a concern since power lines caused the Wood Hollow Fire in 2012. It would be much nicer if you chose the BLM route. The power lines on the BLM alternate route would be much less disruptive.

127d

Many farmers irrigate their lands so they can grow alfalfa. The rolling irrigation lines would not be able to move through a field where there are transmission towers. The BLM route mostly passes through non-irrigated land.

127e

127f

I think towers in Fairview Canyon would not be stable. The canyon is very steep and slides occur frequently. Trails formed for maintaining the lines would encourage unsightly ATV trails that also would impact wildlife in the canyon.

127g

Please choose the BLM route for the transmission lines. It is the best way, and if multiple lines could use the same route there would much less disruption to other areas. Clearing land for the lines and maintenance trails could be shared at a lower cost.

Thank You,

Don Eicher Kathleen Eicher
Don & Kathleen Eicher

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127f See next page for response to 127f.

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Comment(s)**I27****Don and Kathleen Eicher – Letter Dated April 25, 2014 (cont.)****Response(s) - continued**

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Affel Erikson



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U630
U631

Or you can submit comments via email to GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Affel Erikson Date: 3-19-14

Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒

Mailing address: 20955 N 8900 E City: MT Pleasant State: UT Zip: 84647

Telephone (optional): 435-462-0357

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

We are located right on the alternate route between links U630 & U631. This would be the worst possible route as it would dissect our farm. The agency preferred route seems the best route to us.

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I29	Comment(s)	Response(s)
	<p>Carolyn Everett</p> <p>From: gordan everett <gceverett44@gmail.com> Date: Tue, May 13, 2014 at 5:40 PM Subject: Gateway South Transmission Project To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov</p> <p>5/13/14</p> <p>We have 20 acres in lower Argyle Canyon, we have worked hard for many years and put out a lot of money to make this a place where we can have friends and family come and enjoy the beautiful canyon. We have built a cabin, drilled a well, put in solar and generator system.</p> <p>I29a One of our concerns is the ground killer that they use to get rid of the vegetation under the lines. We have very large pine trees that could possibly be taken out for the lines and that would be a travesty. It is also a concern that the ground killer will get in our streams, ponds, creeks, and springs and contaminate them. Another concern is the health of our children if they are playing in the area of the power lines.</p> <p>I29b There are all kinds of wildlife in the area, deer, elk, cotton tail rabbits, fox, coyotes, bears, beavers and various kinds of birds including the Sage Grouse. What will the power lines do to them?</p> <p>During the summer we spend 4-5 days every week at our cabin from May – October. It would be heartbreaking to us to lose what we enjoy so much. We have worked hard and dreamed for years that we would be able to have a place like this, but to think that it could be taken away from us it beyond comprehension.</p> <p>I29c It seems to me that there is no reason why the lines can't be taken through the south route where there is very little private land that it has to go through. The terrain would be much easier for the power companies and less expensive. So I would really appreciate you taking a good look and consider taking the southern route so we won't lose our beautiful canyon.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Carolyn Everett – Property 4914-4</p>	<p>I29a <i>[Response pending from the Applicant.]</i></p> <p>I29b Impacts on wildlife and special status wildlife, including the species mentioned, are discussed in Sections 3.2.7.4.3 and 3.2.8.4.3.</p> <p>I29c Comment and route preference noted.</p>

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I30****Gordon Everett**

From: **gordan everett** <gceverett44@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, May 13, 2014 at 5:38 PM
 Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

May 13, 2014

I have thought about this a lot and I don't know what I could say to convince you to not put the power line across our property in lower Argyle Canyon. When we bought this property we thought this would be someplace our family could use for years. With everything getting more crowded where people don't have a place to go that is safe this is one reason we bought this property. We have spent years cleaning it up so we don't have to worry about fires. We have built a cabin and put in bathrooms with a sewer system and have taken the time to do all of this legally. We have also put in a well at great expense; we put in a solar and a generator system so we don't have to depend on outside help.

We were hoping to leave this to our family that it might not be sold or traded but kept as a heritage for the family. We have done research on the property and found that 75% of the roads in this area still belong to the property owners and they are private roads. I feel that these power lines are damaging to the area and the beautiful landscape that we enjoy so much.

You say you can't run the power lines through Whitmore Valley because of the Sage Grouse. We have also done some research on Sage Grouse; they can migrate 8 to 10 miles from season to season. So I don't see how you can draw a line on a map that is 1,000 or 2,000 feet wide and say this side is a Sage Grouse area and this side isn't. Just the savings in cost through the south route instead of through the canyon would be an enormous savings to the power companies and also the Government both Federal and State.

We implore you to take great thought in considering this, and instead of just flying over an area and making a decision that you consider what you are doing to the people that you work for and represent. Consider what you are doing to their lives and their dreams, the heritage they would be passing to the families and friends.

We have put a lot of time & money, sweat & tears into what we have accomplished in our property. Again I ask that you consider what you are doing to the families you are planning to strip their tranquility and safe places of harbor. A lot of us are getting older and there is no possible way to accomplish this in years to come because of our age and financial abilities. We

I30a

Impacts on views from residences, recreation sites, travel routes, and special designations as well as impacts on scenery were described as part of the visual resource assessment (refer to Section 3.2.18.5.4).

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Section 3.2.8.4 (Study Methodology) identifies the source of information used in the analysis. Potential effects on migration are discussed in this section.

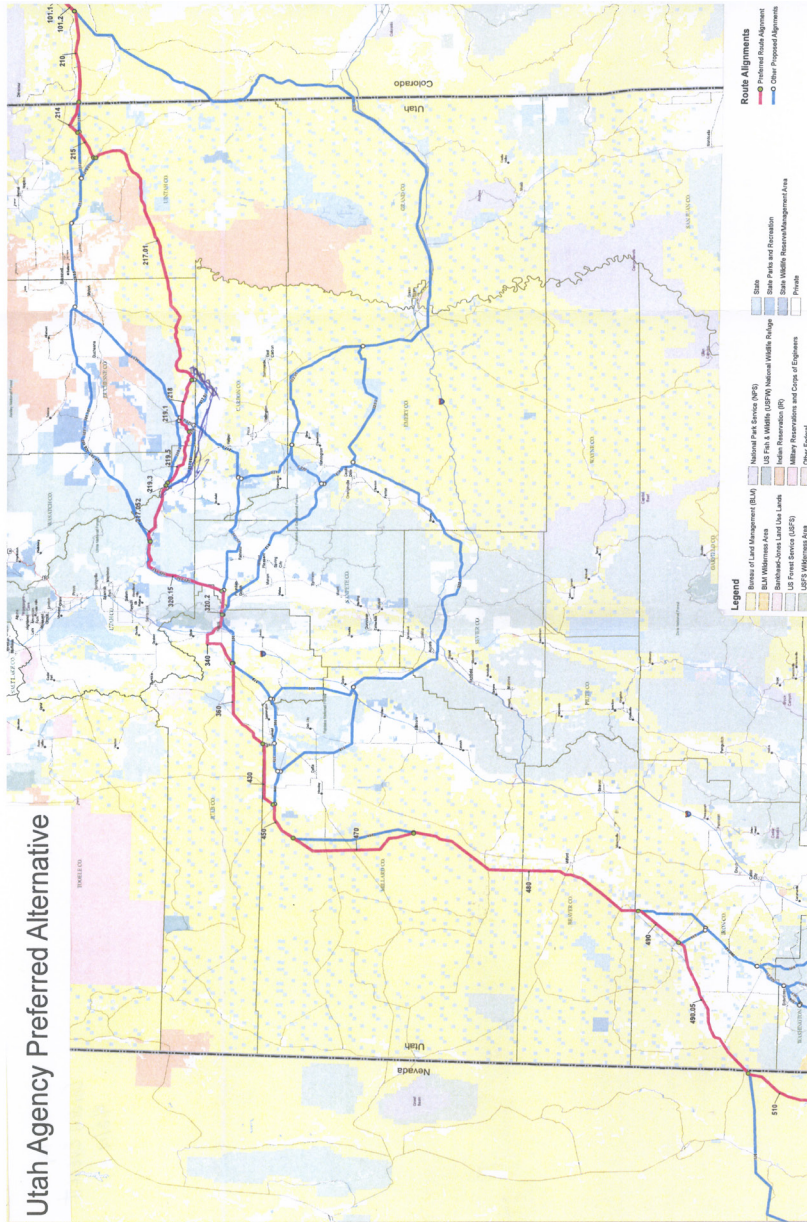
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Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)		Response(s)
I30	Gordon Everett (cont.)	
I30c	<p>implore you to not just think about this once or twice but what you will be doing to these families, especially the older ones. You need to think about what all this stress is doing to their physical and mental health.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Gordon Everett (property 4914-4)</p>	

Gordon Everett (cont.)

Utah Agency Preferred Alternative



	Comment(s)	Response(s)
I31	Onieta Faatz	
	<p>From: Onieta Faatz <ofaatz@aol.com> Date: Sat, May 3, 2014 at 4:27 PM Subject: To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov</p>	
I31a	<p>I am a resident of Fairview, Utah. Please, please follow the BLM ALTERNATE ROUTE with your lines. The easement is already there and we don't want the power lines going through our communities in Sanpete county. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>I31a Comment and route preference noted.</p>

I32	Comment(s)	Response(s)
	<p>Brian Faust</p> <p>From: Brian Faust <bfaust25@gmail.com> Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 11:25 AM Subject: Gateway South Concerned Property Owner in Argyle Canyon To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov</p> <p>Wyoming BLM,</p> <p>I am responding to your request for comments regarding the Gateway South project and specifically the area of the route that brings power transmission lines into pristine, privately owned mountain land in and around Argyle Canyon, Duchesne County, Utah.</p> <p>I am asking that you respect the land, wildlife, native american history and petroglyphs, and the families that have called this area home for decades and generations. We are small land owners who have enjoyed and protected the land and wildlife for generations together as responsible land owners. Our tiny ten acre parcels would be decimated by the monstrous towers and power lines that you propose to send through our Cherished, Scenic and culturally significant area. This construction would also destroy the habitat of deer, elk, bears, rabbits, eagles, hawks, beavers and many many other species that we have worked hard to preserve and which are finally making a comeback .</p> <p>There are, in fact, several alternative routes that would bypass this cherished area including the one preferred by PacificCorp themselves. It makes far more sense to run these lines and their huge towers through government owned land or BLM managed land, which would make use of public lands for a public purpose and far more respectable and responsible to taxpayers. Where it is necessary to access privately owned land, the focus should be on large parcels where the impact to an individual landowner would be lessened greatly. In addition, it makes NO SENSE to run a project of this magnitude through the difficult terrain of the mountainous Argyle Canyon area when there are viable alternatives through much flatter and more accessible land. Also where the company building it want to go.</p> <p>For those of us with only 10 acres, the Gateway South project will totally destroy our land and forever adversely impact both the wildlife who live there and the families who have loved and cared for it for generations.</p> <p>Please protect the small landowners of the Argyle Canyon area. Approve the PacificCorp's preferred route and avoid ruination of Argyle Canyon.</p> <p>Brian A Faust land Owner, Argyle Canyon 1377 E Chestnut Ln, Gilbert Arizona</p>	<p>I32a <input type="checkbox"/> Comment and route preference noted.</p> <p>I32b <input type="checkbox"/> Comment and route preference noted.</p>

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I33****Mark Faust**

From: **tracy faust** <faust4az@cox.net>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 9:24 PM
 Subject: Gateway south project
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Wyoming BLM

I am responding to your request for comments regarding the Gateway South project and specifically the portion of the route that brings power transmission lines into beautiful, privately owned mountain land in and around Argyle Canyon, Dushesne County, Utah.

I would ask that you respect the land, wildlife and families who inhabit the Argyle Canyon area. My family owns a small 10 acre parcel of land and our beautiful views and encounters with wildlife would be greatly impacted. I would like you to consider the route that would bypass this area and that is actually recommended by PacifiCorp. It makes much more sense to run the towers and lines through BLM managed land which would make use of public land for public use. Please protect the small landowners of the Argyle Canyon area. Approve PacifiCorps preferred route and avoid the destruction of Argyle Canyon.

Mark Faust

Land Owner, Argyle Canyon

Peoria, Arizona

I33a

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I34****Merrily Faust**

From: **Merrily Faust** <mksfaust@aol.com>
 Date: Mon, May 19, 2014 at 4:57 PM
 Subject: Gateway South Project
 To: GatewaySouth_wymail@blm.gov

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I34b

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Merrily Faust
 Land Owner, Argyle Canyon
 7919 Hemphill Drive, San Diego, California

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Comment and route preference noted.

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Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Judy Feld



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Name: Judy Feld Date: _____
 Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Property owner in Argyle Canyon Self ☐
 Mailing address: 1067 W Ridgely Ave City: So. Jordan State: UT Zip: 84095
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

As a property owner I'm concerned about all aspects of this project and want the BLM and others to know that this land is precious to us. It is the only means of rest & vacation we get. If you disrupt it you will have an impact on the trees & foliage, the animal species and the land itself. There are sage grouse that thrive on loc and there are deer, bear, rabbits, raccoon & skunks. Our concern is that the proposed & alternate lines be moved to follow the highway & go down to lower levels where there are no trees. Sagebrush is of less importance than our hundred year old trees. There is water that needs to be concerned about. Most of all there is NO reason to take large poles & lines through areas where land is privately owned & families spend a great deal of time. I do not want my children and grandchildren to be →

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I35

Judy Feld (cont.)

I35b

I35c

near large power lines that emit radiation. Exposure does not necessarily stay in boundaries. Erosion from digging up ground to put in poles does take place, and over time slides begin. We have seen it with lines already there, there are plenty of areas not populated with families, endangered species, and more friendly to our environment. Please consider a route that would be less intrusive to our families, our animals & the environment. Thank You

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Todd Feld



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Name: Todd Feld Date: 3/18/2014
 Title: owner Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☐
 Mailing address: 1667 Ridgeway Cove City: South Jordan State: UTAH Zip: 84095
 Telephone (optional): 801-688-3797

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

(sage grouse)
 The wildlife that use these mountains will be irreversibly affected by these power lines. We have owned our property for many years and do not want these lines run thru these mountains. We feel that there are several alternatives that could be used instead.
 We have all pitched in and hired an attorney to represent all of the land owners. He has prepared the alternative routes. Please consider these options.

Sincerely
 Todd Feld

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Response(s)

I36a ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

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Doug Feterl – Feterl Family LLC

From: **Doug Feterl** <dfeterl@rap.midco.net>
 Date: Wed, May 21, 2014 at 7:03 AM
 Subject: Comment - Draft EIS and Land Use Plan Amendments
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

I would like to submit the following comment:

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Alternate WYCO-C indicates a path in close proximity and parallel to underground pipeline corridors. A landowner concern I have relates to a level of separation from existing pipeline easements with pipelines for petroleum product gathering and transportation. New electric transmission lines along this route may impede the level of development and future revenue to land and mineral rights owners.

Regards,

Doug Feterl

Manager, Feterl Family LLC

8470 Countryside Blvd.

Rapid City, SD 57702

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BLM is responsible for issuing a right-of-way grant on federal lands; the BLM has no authority on nonfederal lands and is not responsible for enforcing state takings law. The Applicant will negotiate individual rights-of-way on private land directly with the landowners. PacifiCorp works closely with private landowners to micro-site the transmission line, determine valuation, and secure easements consistent with applicable law.

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Eric and Claudia Fossum

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Name: ERIC & Claudia Fossum Date: 5-1-14
 Title: Homeowner/Resident Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 103 City: Fairview State: Ut Zip: 84629
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

To us it seems contrary to the concept
of "Scenic Byway" or "Heritage Highway"
that unsightly power transmission lines
would be added to such a lovely route.

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John S. Frisby – Frisby Family LLC

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Name: John S. Frisby Date: 18 March 2014
 Title: Board Member, of Argyle Wilderness Preservation Corp. Organization that you represent: Frisby Family LLC Self ☐
 Mailing address: 2131 West 11970 St. City: Riverton State: Ut. Zip: 84065
 Telephone (optional): 801-254-3211

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

139a

I would like to see the "Approved Route" moved to BLM or other Government owned property to avoid destroying so much Privately owned Property.

Our property was purchased through much sacrifice by my parents approximately 35 years ago so that their posterity could have a place to come to to get away from the Rush of the city.

Through much hard, hard work we were able to build a sanctuary that is so peaceful and inviting that their great grandchildren are always anxious to come up to "the cabin" for 5 Generations we've tried to have a beautiful place to go to.

139b

We hope that the best Possible Route that will least impact all of the residents of Argyle Canyon will be picked.

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Response(s)

139a

Comment and route preference noted.

139b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Byron Fryer and James A. Valdez



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U432

Name: Byron Fryer/James A. Valdez Date: 3-18-2014

Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Private property Self ☐

Mailing address: 5437 Wild Oak Dr City: W. Jordan UT State: UT Zip: 84081

Telephone (optional): 801-716-1563

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

140a

U432

The Alternative route through Arapaho canyon the power line goes right over our cabin. The clearing for the poles line will take down a majority of our lodge pole pines. We were told this project would have little environmental property impacts. This cabin & property is our retirement which we have worked for all our lives. Destroying our dream for power that can be changed to other power supplies wind turbines, solar panels etc. Cleaner safer energy. So far there then these power lines which can cause health problems.

U432

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140a

For private lands, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant's standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

140b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I41****Dave Fullmer**

From: **Dave Fullmer** <dfullmer@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2014 at 8:23 AM

Subject: Rocky Mountain Gateway South Project, Attn Tamara Gertsch

To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

Hi Tamara

We in the community of Fairview, Utah have been informed that our community and adjacent Fairview Canyon are being considered as the location for the route of a large group of high tension power lines.

I am one of thousands of people in this area who vigorously oppose such a plan for the following reasons:

The power lines would be a unsightly travesty directly through the intersection of historic highway 89 and a scenic byway.

The communities along highway 89 are a treasure of well preserved mormon pioneer architecture and heritage... one of the few places in the state where such can be experienced in pastoral surroundings.

Fairview Canyon and the locations it leads to are visited by thousands of sportsman and campers who come because of it's unspoiled beauty and ease of access to fishing, hunting and snow sports. It's unique pristine character has earned it the status of one of America's scenic byways. It's hard to imagine a worse insult to it's beauty than high tension power lines draped through it's narrow passages.

I understand that the BLM has recommended this route be located approx 25 miles to the north, along highway 6. This location makes far more sense because:

There are already similar power lines located there.
The canyon is much wider.
There are little or no camping and sporting locations there.

I urge you to make the prudent decision of not locating these power lines in the Fairveiw area.

--

Best regards

Dave Fullmer

24920 N 9950 E

Fairview, Utah 84629

435-427-9125 Hm

435-262-1264 Cel

1.5 mi west on 100 N by pioneer cemetery

"Flight by machines heavier than air is unpractical and insignificant, if not utterly impossible" Simon Newcomb

I41a

Comment and route preference noted. Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway in Fairview Canyon, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I41b

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

142

Susan Fullmer

21 April, 2014

Dear Ms Gertsch,

142a

I am writing to state my opinion concerning the proposed routing of the Gateway South power lines. The agency's preferred northern route is also the route I think best.

142a

Comment and route preference noted.

142b

My family and I reside just outside Fairview, Utah, where an alternative route that is also being considered would come through Fairview Canyon. That canyon is very steep, and the clearing of vegetation would make it even more unstable and fragile. The canyon is also part of a scenic byway, and the visitors who come here because of the area's beauty and recreation add to our small town's economy. I understand that there is a second transmission project coming from Wyoming that is planning to follow the same route as the Gateway South project as much as possible. The two sets of power lines will surely have an adverse financial effect on our area.

142b

Comment and route preference noted.

142c

I know you have many things to consider as you have put together an environmental impact study. Thank you for seeking and considering my thoughts on this matter. I too think the BLM's preferred route, where easements already exist, to be the best choice.

142c

Comment and route preference noted.


Susan Fullmer

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Comment(s)

Response(s)

143

Richard O. Funk

21 April 2014

To Whom it may concern:

Subject: Energy Gateway South Transmission Project / Transwest Express Transmission Project

Discussion: I am responding to your request for comments. I think it is great to distribute energy to those in need.

I know you all are concerned with the impacts this project will have on the environment, wildlife, human habitat, economy, health issues, hiking, camping areas and numerous other studies that you have done that I am not aware of.

This project will impact and effect all these areas for generations to come. My request is that the cost of the shortest route not be the determining factor.

I fully support the alternate route through Thistle, west of Birdseye, west of Indianola, over mount Baldy and to Mona.

I trust that wisdom, consideration, technical studies and the good for all humanity will prevail.

Thank You! Sincerely:

Richard O. Funk P.O. Box 455, Fairview, UT 84629

Citizen of Fairview, Sanpete County.

I do not represent any organization and I do not have a title with my name.

143a

Comment and route preference noted.

144	Comment(s)	Response(s)
	<p data-bbox="543 212 686 240">Nolan Gray</p> <p data-bbox="214 321 877 412">From: <wg_4s@yahoo.com> Date: Wed, May 14, 2014 at 12:34 PM Subject: Argyle Powerline To: "<GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov></p> <p data-bbox="214 459 1005 550">To whom it may concern, I have just been informed of a planned power line to gouge across the Argyle Mountain range in eastern Utah. Is the price of this power line worth the cost of animals, trees, and habitat that will be displaced, cut down, and disrupted forever?</p> <p data-bbox="214 553 1005 787">I am an avid outdoors-man and have spent several years traversing the mountains of Utah. I have seen power lines build before in areas I use to enjoy visiting, however, once these power lines had been constructed the area never recovered. The natural resources of the area being disrupted the animals, which could reliably be found there, have not been seen there since. Not to mention the scar that is left on the face of the mountain in the cutting and maintaining of the "right-of-way". Which brings up another point. Is there really a "right-of-way" through property owned by private individuals, as I understand is the case with most of the Argyle Range? Or is this another sign of the government taking over and doing what ever it pleases and stepping on whom ever happens to be in the way at the time?</p> <p data-bbox="214 813 987 881">There is more to this area than just a pathway to get power from one spot to another. Please consider what is being done to the area and move your power line to an area that has already been marred by human encroachment..</p> <p data-bbox="214 907 396 976">Nolan Gray wg_4s@yahoo.com 435-590-2124</p>	<p data-bbox="1077 657 1121 685">144a</p> <p data-bbox="1152 613 1982 727">Comment and route preference noted. The BLM would issue a 250-foot-wide right-of-way grant across the lands it administers that is consistent with applicable regulations, recognizing that the Applicant must acquire all access permissions for lands outside of their jurisdiction.</p> <p data-bbox="1077 834 1121 862">144b</p> <p data-bbox="1152 834 1514 857">Comment and route preference noted.</p>

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I45

Jane Griffiths

From: **Arlene Griffiths** <janebg52@hotmail.com>
 Date: Thu, May 15, 2014 at 3:05 PM
 Subject: Power line to Mona
 To: "gatewayssouth_WYmail@blm.gov" <gatewayssouth_wymail@blm.gov>

To whom it may concern:

I45a

I would like to voice my concern over the proposed power line to go over the Argyle Mountain Range to the power plant in Mona. A power line over these beautiful mountains would ruin it's natural beauty when you cut down trees for the power lines ' path, not to mention the destruction that would be caused by all the roads that you would have to build to get to the area. It isn't really fair to the people who own property in this area. They like to go the mountain to get away for rest and relaxation. When crews are working on a power line this would be impossible, and even after it was built they would have to give up privacy to the crews maintaining the lines.

I45b

These mountains are migratory routes for various animals, and a power line would completely upset these animals.

I45c

There is a girls camp in that area. A power line would completely take away the fun of getting away from civilization .

Please reconsider the planned route and put it somewhere else.

Respectfully,
 Jane Griffiths

I45a

Due to the largely intact landscape character, steep slopes, and dense vegetation in this area along with foreground views from residences, high impacts were assigned for much of the Argyle Canyon and Argyle Ridge area. All feasible selective mitigation measures were applied to reduce impacts to the extent practicable.

I45b

Comment noted. Potential direct and indirect effects on wildlife are disclosed in Section 3.2.7.4.3 Impact Assessment and Mitigation Planning. Specific impacts on wildlife migration routes for each alternative route and route variation are discussed in Section 3.2.7.5.4. Route Variations are discussed in Appendix F. The application of relevant design features and selective mitigation measures listed in Table 3-80 will reduce disturbance and other impacts on wildlife species.

I45c

To establish the resource database for analysis for the EIS, the EIS team gathered, compiled, and analyzed existing data provided by federal, state, and local agencies and other credible public sources of information. If data indicated the presence of a camp, the facility was avoided to the extent practicable and/or located in such a way that activities at the facility would not be affected (visually or physically). However, in some cases, data received did not indicate the presence of recreational uses, particularly on private land where specific uses may not be evident in the public data. Such is the case with Camp Timberlane and other camps administered by the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (CPB).

Regarding Camp Timberlane, when data were compiled, data received for the area indicated privately owned parcels and did not indicate existence of an organized recreational youth camp. Comments on the Draft EIS from the CPB informed the EIS team of the recreational use of the area. In response to this new information, representatives of the CPB, Applicant, and BLM met in April 2014 to discuss the CPB properties. Subsequently, the Applicant identified route variations in this area that would avoid Camp Timberlane while considering other existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These route variations have been analyzed for the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I46****Russell Griffiths**From: russell griffiths <argriffbr@hotmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 14, 2014 at 1:40 PM

Subject: Power line to Mona

To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <gatewaysouth_wymail@blm.gov>

I46a

We would like to protest putting a power line over the Argyle Range of mountains. These mountains are too beautiful to cut swaths of trees down. They are so rugged that you would have to build roads out on every ridge and up every canyon to get to the power line sight, and that would completely ruin the looks of the mountain. People have spent thousands and thousands of dollars to buy this property, to have a place to enjoy in its natural environment. A power line would make this property ugly and take away the natural beauty.

I46b

I46c

There are elk, deer, bear and numerous smaller animals that make this range of mountains home. The power line would destroy the migratory routes and homes for these animals.

I46d

It would be to your advantage to find an easier route for the power line. Even if another route would be longer it would be faster to build. If you dig down three inches on that mountain range you run into hard bed rock that you would have to blast out holes for the power poles.

Please reconsider building this power line on a different route and leave the Argyle mountain range in its natural beauty.

Thank You,
Russell and Arlene Griffiths Nephi, Utah

I46a

Comment and route preference noted.

I46b

Due to the largely intact landscape character, steep slopes, and dense vegetation in this area along with foreground views from residences, high impacts were assigned for much of the Argyle Canyon and Argyle Ridge area. All feasible selective mitigation measures were applied to reduce impacts to the extent practicable.

I46c

See response to Comment I45b.

I46d

Comment noted. It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5.

Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use (ATVs), which would be carried forward into the POD. The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

Additionally, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures are designed and applied to reduce potential impacts from the Project on recreation resources, grazing uses, and visual resources. Refer to Chapter 2 for a comprehensive list of the design features that will be used for the entire Project and the selective mitigation measures that will be used in specific areas along the Project.

Comment(s)

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Frank Grover

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Name: Frank Grover Date: 3/20/2014
 Title: Self Organization that you represent: Self Self ☒
 Mailing address: 166 E 700 S City: Nephi State: UT Zip: 84648
 Telephone (optional): cell 801-836-8808

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

1. how are you handling 250' ROW in narrow areas like Satt or. on east of Nephi - 250' ROW w/ 140' tower - if tower fails it may fall out of ROW and contact adjacent power line
2. Have you considered double stacking lines in tight areas
3. What are fees being paid (future) to SITLA in Juab Co. Utah?
4. What are you doing around wind towers to encourage raptors to seek prey elsewhere?
I know R.N. not subject to U.S.P.A.
5. From Mona, where does power go?

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if it's not public - what good is it?

Response(s)

147a

The BLM understands that if a portion of the route is located on property owned or controlled by SITLA, the Applicant would independently negotiate with SITLA to microsite the line and acquire land-use rights so the interests and needs of both the Applicant and SITLA are reasonably addressed.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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DeMar Guymon

From: **DeMar Guymon** <guymonsmachining@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, May 13, 2014 at 9:57 PM

Subject: Objection to Agency Preferred Route

To: "GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

148a

I would like to object to the agency preferred route for the power line as it goes across the mountain ranges, most particularly the Argyle Mountain Range. I do not believe that taking out miles of trees and impacting the various wildlife is the best route. I own property for over 3 miles along the Argyle Ridge and there are many old trees along that area and the whole mountain range that will be decimated if the power line is allowed across there. There are elk & deer migration routes that cross the ridge line that would be impacted by the removal of the trees and construction there. We have bear dens just below the proposed route that would be disrupted by the constant travel that would be necessary to check the lines.

148b

There are also mountain lions, pine hens, bobcats, chuckars, many other birds I haven't identified that live there. Also acres of wildflowers, wild roses, and other undergrowth that construction would destroy.

148c

Most of the Argyle range is private property and having a line run across there would open that whole area to trespassers, it would be like making a super highway for them to drive along and fences are hard to keep intact when people have a clear trail to drive over them.

Looking at the maps I believe that there are other less destructive routes that the power line can be taken across. I can't believe the BLM would opt to destroy miles of pristine mountain ground and ruin habitat for the animals just so a power line can take a short route to its destination. We have few areas left that are undisturbed and when I bought my property it was with the intention to keep it in its natural state and enjoy the mountain as is. A power line across the middle of my property would destroy what I have sought to preserve. I also have the property as a business and sell hunting rights for bear and elk so the power line would also impact the primitive nature of the area and lessen my ability to attract hunters.

148d

Please choose another route, the forests are disappearing so keep the ones we still have as pristine as they are now. Thank you, DeMar Guymon, GMF Enterprises LLC

148a

Comment and route preference noted.

148b

In Section 3.2.7.4.1, potential impacts on bears and other mammals are discussed under the heading Mammals.

148c

Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use (ATVs), which would be carried forward into the POD. The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

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Based on comments received on the Draft EIS, the Applicant coordinated with some representatives of the Argyle Wilderness Protection Corporation to identify alternative route refinements and variations in this area that would avoid or reduce potential impacts on existing and planned land uses in the area (e.g., seasonal-use homes) and sensitive environmental resources. These alternative route variations have been analyzed for the Final EIS and are addressed in Appendix F.

148d

Social and economic condition impacts are discussed in Section 3.2.22. Project-related disturbance to properties are anticipated to occur mainly during construction and maintenance of the Project occurring occasionally during the year. After the initial construction and reclamation of the Project right-of-way, impacts on hunting, including commercial hunting operations, are anticipated to be minimal. Impacts on hunting are discussed in Section 3.2.12. The following text has been added to this section:

Commercial hunting operations occur throughout the Project area. Short-term effects from construction activities on these operations would include temporary disturbance, restriction or closure of access to hunting, and noise and construction activities disrupting wildlife. Long-term effects generally would be expected to be minimal with occasional noise and dust occurring during maintenance activities on the transmission line. Selective Mitigation Measure 12 would also be applied to these areas and compensation for land and private property concerns would be negotiated by the Applicant with the land and/or business owner.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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James and Mary Hatfield



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Name: JAMES & MARY HATFIELD Date: 4-24-14
Title: OWNER Organization that you represent: HATFIELD 4 STAR RANCH Self ☐
Mailing address: P.O. Box 314 City: FAIRVIEW State: UT Zip: 84629
Telephone (optional): 435-427-3422

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Dear BLM.
RECENTLY BEING MADE AWARE OF R.M.P. PROPOSED
ROUTE DOWN FAIRVIEW CANYON WHICH IS A DESIGNATED
SCENIC HIGHWAY AND A VERY UNSTABLE MOUNTAIN MAKES ME
WONDER IF A CORRECT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY WAS DONE. THIS
PROPOSED ROUTE NOT ONLY AFFECTS THE BEAUTY OF THE CANYON
BUT PUTS WILD LIFE AND PROPERTY VALUES IN A COMPROMIZED
POSITION. AS A LAND OWNER AT THE MOUTH OF FAIRVIEW
CANYON, AND WITH THE R.M. ALREADY HAVING A POWER
CORRIDOR ALONG ROUTE 6 AND DOWN HS 89, I FAIL TO SEE
WHY THIS ROUTE WOULD SAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE UP
FOR THE HARM AND JEOPARDY OF DISRUPTION AND LOSS OF PROPERTY
VALUE THAT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE PEOPLE IT AFFECTS.
IF R.M.P. WANTS TO TURN THE LIGHT ON AND KEEP IT →

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149b

Comment and route preference noted. As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. There are 10 residences north of Fairview, Utah, located within 0.25 mile of Alternatives COUT BAX-E and COUT-H, which are likely to be affected by the proximity of the transmission line.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

149

James and Mary Hatfield (cont.)

ON IT NEEDS TO KEEP PEOPLE AT THE TOP OF THEIR LIST.
 POOR P.R. LETS THEM ROSE YEARS OF GOOD WORK.
 PLEASE USE WHAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE WITH OUT
 DISRUPTING HUNDREDS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND VALUES.

Respectfully,

J. Hatfield

P.S.
 DO YOU WANT TO LIVE
 UNDER ONE??

Comment(s)

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Nancy Hatt


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Name: Nancy Hatt Date: 20 May 2014
Title: _____ Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
Mailing address: 25620 N. 10875E City: Fairview State: UT Zip: 84629
Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Concerning the power lines that are being considered to go thru the Milburn UT area I would strenly like to object to. I have heard the buzzing and seen the swaying in Eagle Mt. With a meter we were able to tell which homes were getting current and which were not. They can be loud and frightening.

Milburn has alot of wild life that would be effected. Elk, deer, a green spotted frog which are endangered. Eagles, cranes, That's not even mentioning the domestic animals. Horse ranchers, cattle, and sheep. But the biggest worry is the people. Please follow the existng route thru Spanish Fork Canyon. Please leave this Fairview-Milburn in its current state, a place of beauty and considerable peace. Thank you. over-

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150a ☐ Comment noted.

150b ☐ Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Nancy Hatt (cont.)

150c

the folks living in this area work very hard just to get by financially as most people but, with an added burden of working about the medical aspect of these lines. Cancer, effect of the contamination on hay crops that our cattle eat, then we eat. It is of great concern. Thank you for your time and respect of and on this matter.

150c

Comment noted. The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection (specifically, Design Feature 11; refer to Table 2-8), the Applicant will continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. The potential effects of EMF are discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23. Potential impacts to visual resources and scenery are discussed in Section 3.2.18. Socioeconomic conditions are discussed in Section 3.2.22.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I51

James Hendrickson

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Name: James Hendrickson Date: 05-13-2014
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I51a

The power line would disturb habitat of Elk, Deer, Moose, Bear and other wild life. Disturb the fly ways of geese, Ducks, Crane as well as other birds. It will spoil the nesting area for these birds along the Sompitch River around the power lines. Highway SR 31 is designated as a Scenic-by-Way. The energy Gateway South Transmission Project would be seen by the highway. Stability of the mountain to support the weight of the power poles the part of the mountain for the proposed power line is very unstable. Case in point The winter of 1982-83 was quite severe and we received much snow, in the Spring we received much run off. The soil was saturated and a big earth slide from the mountain slid into Cottonwood Creek

I51b

I51c

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I51a Comment and route preference noted.

I51b Comment and route preference noted. Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway in Fairview Canyon, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

I51c Comment and route preference noted. It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5.

Selective Mitigation Measure 5 (minimize new or improved accessibility, Chapter 2, Table 2-13) is applied in areas that have been identified as sensitive to unintended use (ATVs), which would be carried forward into the POD. The Applicant is committed to work with agencies and landowners, through development of the POD and during implementation and operation of the transmission line. Coordination to limit potential for unauthorized use would occur throughout the life of the Project.

Additionally, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures are designed and applied to reduce potential impacts from the Project on recreation resources, grazing uses, and visual resources. Refer to Chapter 2 for a comprehensive list of the design features that will be used for the entire Project and the selective mitigation measures that will be used in specific areas along the Project.

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I51

James Hendrickson (cont.)

I51c

backing up the creek above Fairview City. we had to evacuate and go to Mt Pleasant, we were thankful the slide slowed and the creek behind the slide was strong enough to wash the slide down the canyon. The Mountain Ranges on the East and West sides of the Sanpete Valley had numberless slides. I am very concerned about the stability of the power poles as well as the other things I have mentioned.

I51d

I support the BLM's proposed route for the power lines

Thank-you

James Hendrickson

I51d

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I52****Jeremy Hermansen**From: **Jeremy Hermansen** <hcp4553@ymail.com>

Date: Mon, May 19, 2014 at 11:16 PM

Subject: Land owner comment

To: "gatewaysouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <gatewaysouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

I52a

I am a land owner in the Milburn valley & have spent countless days on Skyline drive, To see these proposed transmission lines elevated into the sky overhead and the towers erected across the SCENIC BYWAY of this beautiful area would be so damaging on the Scenic View and Personal experiences we have had and are going to have for years to come.... Lets think this through and we know the right route would be down U.S. 6 highway where there is already access to erect and maintain towers... Please don't consider The great magnificent majestic SKYLINE DRIVE ...

I52b

Please DON'T consider this BEAUTIFUL MILBURN Valley it is a true treasure for so many. It is a place with so much heritage and family farms still in production today, Transmission lines through this SCENIC & PRODUCTIVE area would be a disaster economically for so many families. There are pioneer graves all through that area that generations of families still today come and visit to pay respect & remember loved ones from long ago.. This will greatly impact our memory and vision of how it was to be remembered

I52c

Please Truly consider the BLM route of U.S. 6 for this project.. Lets preserve our heritage, our beauty, and our future generations of the Milburn Valley & Skyline Drive!!!!!!

I52a

Comment and route preference noted. Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway in Fairview Canyon, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

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I52c

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

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Kolten Hermansen

From: **Kolten Hermansen** <kolten.hermansen@yahoo.com>
 Date: Thu, May 22, 2014 at 10:49 PM
 Subject: Gateway South Project
 To: "gatewaysouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <gatewaysouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

153a

I support the BLM route of U.S. 6 highway route for this project. I absolutely love the SCENIC BYWAY of SKYLINE DRIVE; To destroy this awesome landscape of memories & heritage, and adventure would be very SELFISH on Rocky Mtn Power to even consider this route of travel! This Project is also a road building project to access each tower, This is not what the public wants to see going across these beautiful mountains & farm ground in the valley .. Please,, lets keep this project along the side of U.S. 6 where there is already road access And keep our BYWAYS SCENIC>> Our Mountains are our away therapy, the air is quiet, the wildlife are beautiful, its a refuge for all animals and man's spirit!!

153b

153a

Comment and route preference noted.

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Comment(s)

Response(s)

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Tori Hermansen

From: **Tori Hermansen** <torihermansen@yahoo.com>
 Date: Tue, May 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM
 Subject: Gateway South Project
 To: "gatewaysouth_WYMail@blm.gov" <gatewaysouth_WYMail@blm.gov>

Dear National Project Manager,

As a property owner in Sanpete County, I wanted to express my opinion and concern for the Gateway South Project. I do realize there is a need for power lines all across our state and country and I am so glad that there are different routes in consideration before this project goes in.

154a

In my opinion, it would be a travesty to bring the power lines through the route proposed by Rocky Mountain Power. I know Highway 31 is a designated National Scenic Byway and is a major recreation area used by so many people. It is an absolutely beautiful area where so many people love to go. My family makes many trips every year to Skyline Drive to fish, camp, ride horses, and to enjoy the scenic beauty and quiet tranquility. We love to see the wildlife and the wild flowers, and the aspen trees. Having power lines/towers and maintenance roads all over up there would take away so much of the beauty and it would completely change the whole environment surrounding Highway 31 and Skyline Drive. It is not something that will only have a minimal effect, it will be permanent.

154b

I also feel that the route proposed by Rocky Mountain Power doesn't take into consideration the pioneer heritage that is scattered all across the Fairview and Milburn area. There are multiple original pioneer settlements and paraphernalia that deserve to be protected and preserved. We have property in the Oak Creek area and not only do we have 2 pioneer cabins on our property, we also have some ashes from ancestors who worked to settle the land, spread throughout our fields. We feel that this is sacred and deserves protecting.

154c

The proposed route by the BLM would be a better route to go. Bringing the transmissions lines down along Highway 6 and across Thistle would help protect a national scenic byway, a Wildlife Management area, pioneer heritage and one of the most beautiful recreation areas in the state of Utah. From what I understand, there are already easements in place and it doesn't seem like it would leave as big of a scar, with easier access to roads for the towers to be built and maintained.

Thank you for accepting public opinion and your consideration on this matter.

Tori Hermansen

154a

Comment and route preference noted. Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway in Fairview Canyon, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

154b

Based on existing literature, file searches, and cultural resources inventories, there may be potential cultural resources impacts along the alternative routes crossing Sanpete Valley and adjacent areas. If one of these alternative routes is selected (i.e., Alternatives COUT-H or COUT BAX-E), a Class III intensive pedestrian inventory (survey) of the selected alternative route and associated roads, substations, and ancillary facilities would be conducted. All cultural resources sites identified would be documented and evaluated for eligibility for the NRHP and appropriate selective mitigation measures identified in consultation with involved state and federal land-management agencies and private landowners.

154c

Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I55****Butch Heth**

From: **Butch** <butch3@cut.net>
 Date: Tue, Apr 22, 2014 at 6:37 PM
 Subject: Proposed Power path through Sanpete County, UT
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov, TransWest_WYMail@blm.gov
 Cc: Jerrold Ras <3rranch1969@gmail.com>

Hello,

As a property owner in the vicinity of the proposed pathway for the line, I would like to voice my opposition to the preferred path, and cordially request that the route that was originally suggested (Via US 6 through Utah County) be considered, since this route has already been designated as a power line corridor.

I bought my property and moved here to escape the power lines and related ugliness from towers that disrupt the spacious views, to the health concerns of living close to that much inductance. I am not a tree hugger, nor am I an environmental whacko, but I love my land and my unobstructed views of the mountains, and don't really look forward to the encroachment of 'civilization' that this brings.

I am hoping that my neighbors and friends will have all expressed similar concerns, and have been civil and polite in the process.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Butch Heth
 Fairview, UT

I55a


Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I56

DeAnn C. Houghton



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Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Self Self ☒

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Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

To whom it May Concern;
I am writing to express my support of the
BLM's "Preferred" route of the High Power Lines, and
run them along the Hwy 89 corridor.
I do NOT want them in the Sanpuk/Fairview
area - or over/through the Fairview Canyon area.
Keep the eye sore OUT of the Sanpuk Valley
as much as possible.

Thank you,
DeAnn Houghton

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I56a Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)**I57****Charles Howard**

From: tgertsch@blm.gov on behalf of GatewaySouth, BLM_WY
<blm_wy_gatewaysouth@blm.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2014 3:03 PM
To: Charles Howard
Cc: BLM_WY GatewaySouth; Cindy Smith; Chris Smith; Amanda O'Connor; Nikki Wallenta; Megan Dunford; Scott Whitesides
Subject: Re: Attn: Tamara Gertsch

Thank you Charles for your comments. We have made them part of the administrative record for this project.

Regards,

- Tamara

Tamara Gertsch
BLM National Project Manager
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307-775-6115
307-287-3656 (cell)
tgertsch@blm.gov

On Thu, Apr 10, 2014 at 10:45 AM, Charles Howard <charles.how28@gmail.com> wrote:
Charles A. Howard
P.O. Box 247
11475 E. 27000 N. Mower Ln.
Fairview, UT 84629

435-427-9488 or Cell 435-469-0587

Hello Tamara,

Thank you for the opportunity to express myself concerning the matter of the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. I have written a letter and I will attach it to this email. I have also sent this letter to County Commissioner Claudia Jarrett and spoken to her at length on the telephone about our concerns.

I will be attending a special community meeting to be held in Fairview on April 14th. This sole topic will be the impact of the Project on this area and our lives. I will also attend the Fairview City Council meeting on April 15 to discuss this topic. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Howard

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Response(s)

157	Comment(s) Charles Howard (cont.)	Response(s)
	<p>April 3, 2014</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p>	
	<p>I am a 45 year resident of the Oakcreek area North of Fairview. Most of the residents of this area are native or near native of this area. Our homes and lives are in the corridor that is described by the Energy gateway South Transmission Project. I have numerous concerns about this choice for the placement of this enormous power transmission line. I hope that you will consider the great damage this will cause to our way of life and the many others who live in this pristine farming community. There is not a great deal of industry in our area and we have chosen this way of life by design and for our good health. We have taken great pains and expense to avoid the types of pollution that exist in cities and industrial areas.</p>	
157a	<p>There is significant pollution of at least two types that will come to us as a result of this Project. One is visual pollution: These large towering polls would become the most prominent feature of our little valley and site of it would not be avoidable for miles about. The second is EMF pollution: This effect will be stronger the closer one</p>	157a Comment and route preference noted.
157b	lives to the lines but to be sure there will be some effect on all who live in the	157b The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.
157c	corridor. These effects among others we may not even be aware of will surely lower the value of our homes and property.	157c As described in the Impacts to Property Values section of Section 3.2.22, property values can be affected by transmission lines, depending on the proximity of the transmission line to structures, the surrounding topography, and the existence of landscaping and other vegetation. Additional description has been added to Section 3.2.22 indicating the Applicant would pay market value to nonfederal landowners, as established through the appraisal process, for any new land rights or easements required for this Project. The appraisal process takes all factors affecting value into consideration, including the impact of transmission lines on property value. Therefore, private property owners would be compensated for any losses in property values based on market values assessed through the appraisal process.
157d	<p>This project will have significant impact on the wildlife in this area. We have an abundance of rare and protected species that dwell here such as the spotted frog wildlife preserve which is directly in the path of this project. Also, the path of migration of other species such as Canadian geese and bald eagles will be impacted or obstructed. There may be significant legal hurdles that will soon arise in relation to these assertions.</p>	
157e	<p>It is also important to note that this great intrusion into our lives, with all of its detriments, brings no direct benefits to our community. The power that is being transmitted is destined for people who live far from here and do not share in the downsides. This will not create any local jobs or improve our quality of life in any way.</p>	157d Additional information regarding conservation agreements for Columbia spotted frog have been incorporated into Section 3.2.10.4 and Appendix J of the Final EIS. Preconstruction surveys would be conducted for sensitive species to identify locations where relevant selective mitigation measures and design features would be applied. Impacts on migratory birds are discussed in Section 3.2.9 and would also be reduced through the application of relevant design features and selective mitigation measures.
157f	<p>Lastly, it is noted that BLM with all of its expertise and experience in such matters has submitted an alternate course for this project that it deems to be a superior and preferred route. I understand that a right-of-way already exist in that direction. It would appear that this direction will have far less impact or damage and would present far less hurdles, both legal and personal, to the Project. I submit that this would be a much better path to pursue.</p>	157e Comment noted. A description of the Applicant's interests and objectives is included in Section 1.4 and Appendix A of the EIS. PacifiCorp's service area within the Project area includes Wyoming and Utah. Social and economic conditions relevant to the Proposed Action are discussed in Section 3.2.22.
	<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Dr. Charles A. Howard</p>	157f Comment and route preference noted.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I58

Elizabeth Hunt

From: **Elizabeth Hunt** <elizabeth.hunt@comcast.net>
 Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2014 at 6:07 PM
 Subject: Keep the power lines out of Fairview, UT!
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

I58a

Hello, I am writing to express my support for your alternate power line route to the one currently planned to make a mess of Fairview, Utah. While I live in SLC right now, my grandmother lived in Fairview and I go back to visit relatives with some frequency. I would hate to see what those power projects would do to the beauty of that little town, not to mention the property values. So I am grateful you are pushing for the alternative. Thank you! Elizabeth Hunt

I58a

Comment and route preference noted.

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Duron Hunter



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Name: Duron Hunter Date: 4-13-14
Title: _____ Organization that you represent: Farmer Self ☐
Mailing address: PO Box 144 City: Farmington State: Ut Zip: 84402
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Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

I prefer High Line Bm preferred at
the other goes right through my orchard
where I keep my horses

Duron Hunter

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159a

Comment and route preference noted. Should this alternative route be selected, design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection and selective mitigation measures have been identified that would reduce potential impacts. Additionally, the impact on property rights will be carefully considered by the Applicant during micro-siting. The Applicant will negotiate with the owners of real property interests to ensure that, if any private property interests are impaired by the final location, they are appropriately compensated. The project will be built in compliance with NESC, the Applicant's standards, and industry best practices with regards to line clearances to vegetation and other structures.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I60****Bryce and Georgia Jackson**

Concerns About Two High Power Transmission Projects
Coming To Our Own Backyard
An open letter from Bryce and Georgia Jackson

I60a

Rocky Mountain Power (Pacific Corp) recently held a meeting in Mount Pleasant to inform the public about their Energy Gateway South Transmission Project. They have been granted the right to construct, operate and maintain a 500 kilo volt overhead transmission line along a two mile wide corridor running from central Wyoming to the new Clover substation in Mona. The line itself requires a 250 foot wide leeway and they can put it anywhere they want inside that two mile wide corridor. Several routes are routes are being considered and the final decision will be made by early 2015. the public can submit comments up until May 22, 2014. The preferred route requested by RMP comes from Helper, crosses through Gooseberry, the Narrows Tunnel, and straight down both National Forest and private properties. It cuts through Oakcreek (about 2 mile north of Fairview), crosses The Wild Life Management Area between Milburn Road (over the hill) and Highway 89, then continues west to hook up with the power grid. RMP wants this route because it is the shortest and the cheapest. What will the impact be on the local economy (farming, hunting, tourism), water and grazing rights, private property rights and land value, and many other concerns along our National Scenic By Way?

I60b

There is no way to stop the national push towards large power projects development. There is no point in protesting against Rocky Mountain Power or Trans West because they already have the right to build their respective projects. The only question remaining is where will these lines go? By showing support of the BLM alternate route we can mitigate the impact on our area. Support from local, county and state officials will also influence the final decision.

Thank You

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A decision has not yet been made by either the BLM or U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on whether or not to grant the Applicant right-of-way across lands they administer. Sections 1.5.7 and 1.5.8 describe the remaining steps in the agencies' review process.

I60b

Construction workers could displace tourism temporarily in small towns with limited housing and lodging resources. These issues may be mitigated through working with counties and communities on these issues. These issues are best addressed during the county and/or state permitting phase of the project (e.g., the Wyoming Industrial Siting Permits). Additionally, the Applicant employs Customer and Community Managers to coordinate with local communities about these types of requirements, concerns, and recommendations.

In locations where the Project would dominate a natural setting, high impacts on those views were described in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-21b in Volume II (Map Volume [MV]) of the Draft EIS. Impacts on the natural character of Fairview Canyon and along the National Scenic Byway are also discussed in Section 3.2.18 and mapped on MV-23b. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

It is likely that the presence of the transmission line would affect where people participate in recreational activities in specific locations; however, it is unclear whether their presence would deter hunters and fishermen from visiting the general location, such as Fairview Canyon.

Comment(s)

Response(s)

I61

D.R. Jackson

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[Signature]

Lawrence David

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I61a

Comment and route preference noted.

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Gary Jensen

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 Mailing address: P.O. Box 174 City: Fairview State: UT Zip: 84629
 Telephone (optional): 435-427-9370

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

Since I found out about this project, I have been in shock.

162a

1) This line will turn a scenic Byway into an eyesore. Evidence of this runs from the top of the mountain to the valley about 8 miles south of here in the form of a power line. Eardot not Pleasant.

162b

2) Fairview Canyon (Cottonwood Canyon) is a steep, narrow canyon already prone to landslides, floods, and mudflows. Any construction in this canyon can only make this situation worse. The liability from the silliness is staggering.

162c

3) The idea of routing a high voltage power line through an irrigation tunnel is ridiculous, the nature of electric power and water seem to be mutually exclusive!!

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162a

Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers along with all residences. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway both in Fairview Canyon and atop the Wasatch Plateau, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based upon these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

162b

It is possible that construction of the Project could increase susceptibility to geological hazards in some areas (e.g., in areas with slumps and flows). Thus, avoidance of geologic hazards and engineering constraints criteria were applied in the Applicant's identification of feasible corridors for the siting and construction of transmission lines as part of the design features of the Proposed Action. Potential impacts on the Project resulting from geological hazards are discussed in detail in Section 3.2.2.5. In the analysis, the area around Fairview Canyon was assessed in the EIS as having high susceptibility for landslides.

162c

Any alternative route or route variation selected for construction would adhere to NESC and Applicant's standard and industries best practices. Any necessary consideration for crossing irrigation ditches would be addressed to safely cross such existing uses.

Comment(s)

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Gary Jensen (cont.)

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COMMENTS: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

162c

2) cont from other sheet. Using natural for both power and water would seem to cause maintenance conflicts.

162d

4) Health concerns (to people and livestock) from the EMF field created by passing a high voltage current are in dispute, have been for decades and I am sure will continue well into the future. I have a pale maker and will be sure to monitor this situation.

162e

7) Why would any competent, responsible, intelligent individual even consider this route when the already established route along highway 6 avoids most if not all of these ~~and~~ problems?

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162e

Comment and route preference noted.

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Lynne M. Jensen



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Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Or you can submit comments via email to GatewaySouth.WYMail@blm.gov

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Name: Lynne M. Jensen Date: 7 May 2014
Title: MY SELF Organization that you represent: _____ Self ☒
Mailing address: P.O. Box 174 City: Fairview State: WY Zip: 824679

I recently recieved a notice about the power lines that are possibly going to be put here in our vicinity.

I have lived in Fairview most of my life and I do not shout for joy about changes. In looking through the letters my choice of routes would be Wyoming to Highway 6, west to Spanish Fork Utah then along Interstate 15 south to Mona. My second choice would follow HWY 6 to Thistle then south on HWY 89 toward Birds Eye, then west to Mona.

One of the biggest concerns of mine would be if the lines went from Helper across the Gooseberry Narrows Project, which we have anticipated getting put in for the last 90 years, and are still waiting. It is a reservoir that would supply water for Sanpete County.

Highway 31 is Fairview Canyon and is a National Scenic Route, and the power lines would go just to the north of it.

My son and my brother both have pace makers. I'm very concerned about the danger of so many volts they might receive. The canyon and the reservoirs are where we spend lots of time fishing in the summer and hunting and camping in the fall.

Sincerely, Lynne M. Jensen

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Comments are due by May 22, 2014

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163a Comment and route preference noted.

163b The Narrows Project is considered a past/present project in the cumulative effects analysis in the Final EIS (rather than a reasonably foreseeable future action). This project is discussed in the Authorized Projects portion of Section 3.2.11. Also, the Narrows Project recreation area is discussed in Section 3.2.12.

163c Comment and route preference noted. Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from the Energy Loop Scenic Byway in Fairview Canyon, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. Based on these impacts, and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

163d Comment noted. The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action for environmental protection (specifically, Design Feature 11; refer to Table 2-8), the Applicant will continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. The potential effects of EMF are discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23. Potential impacts to visual resources and scenery are discussed in Section 3.2.18. Socioeconomic conditions are discussed in Section 3.2.22.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I64****Jordan Jex**

On Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 4:52 PM, Jordan Jex <jordanjexj@gmail.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern:

As a government entity, you have the power and responsibility to act for an in behalf of the citizens within your stewardship, NOT in the interest of corporations. Be it known to you that it is NOT within the interest of private landowners in Utah that ANY power lines run through Argyle Canyon. You have no claim to eminent domain in this case as there are other plausible routes that cover PUBLIC lands. As this project is to serve the public, then use PUBLIC LAND for your route.

In addition, I am opposed to ANY project that threatens to remove private property and will not even benefit those from whom the property was confiscated.

If this route through Argyle Canyon is approved, you will show that you have no interest in protecting the Constitutional right to own land. There have already been discrepancies in the information presented and will open the government up to a winnable lawsuit for the landowners.

Do not allow the rights of private land owners be trampled because of political motivations. You know I am right. Do the right thing.

I64a

The BLM is responsible for determining whether or not to issue a right-of-way grant on the land it administers and, if so, under what terms and conditions. The BLM has no authority on lands outside of its jurisdiction and is not responsible for enforcing state takings law. If a right-of-way is granted, the Applicant would negotiate individual rights-of-way on private land crossed by the selected route directly with the landowners. The Applicant would work closely with private landowners to microsite the transmission line, determine valuation, and secure easements, consistent with applicable law.

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ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT
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Name: Julye H. Jex Date: 03-18-14
 Title: Mom, grandma Organization that you represent: Family Self ☒
 Mailing address: 4283 Mignon Drive City: West Valley City State: Ut Zip: 84120
 Telephone (optional): _____

Comments: (Please use back if additional space is needed)

- Question RE: Argyle Canyon
1. What chemicals will be used to kill vegetation?
 2. Are you aware the PRIVATE properties of Argyle have wells?
 3. Are you aware that Argyle Canyon is the watershed for the Price Area?
 4. Where in the EIS does it show the impact it will have on me and my posterity for generations?
 5. Are the sage grouse more important than the human inhabitants?
 6. If Argyle Canyon is surrounded by sage grouse, why wouldn't they be IN the canyon?
 7. If two different project lines go through Argyle Canyon (possibly three) would the clearance area be 750'

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Each transmission line easement across private lands will specify the present and future right to clear the right-of-way and to keep it clear of all trees, brush, vegetation, and methods to be used.

165b

Comment noted. Analysis of impacts on wells in this EIS was restricted to those developed for municipal or agricultural applications, as federal well water quality regulations only pertain to wells that serve 25 individuals or more.

The BLM is aware that Argyle Canyon is part of the watershed for the Price area. Potential direct and indirect impacts on water resources from Project actions are disclosed and analyzed in Section 3.2.4.

165c

Comment and route preference noted.

165d

Habitat preferences for sage-grouse are described in Appendix J, Section J.6.2.1. The locations of greater sage-grouse populations in Utah are shown on Map 3-5. Data used in the analysis of potential effects on sage-grouse is described in Section 3.2.8.4.

165e

Comment and route preference noted.

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Julye H. Jex (cont.)

Questions (cont.)

I65e

8. Argyle Canyon is a very narrow canyon. Two transmission lines (let alone three) would devastate the canyon (wildlife, flora, fauna, etc.)

9. Argyle Canyon is my family's home-away-from-home. A place to renew ourselves physically, emotionally and spiritually. If these lines go through the canyon, it will do immeasurable harm for generations.

10. Please consider and approve routes that bypass Argyle Canyon. I do not understand why the major proposed routes intersect in Argyle Canyon.

I65f

11. Argyle Canyon has Nine-Mile Scenic Byway on the east and Reservation Ridge Scenic Byway on the west. What would these lines do to upset these treasures?

I65g

12. I am deeply concerned about the health risks associated with these megatowers. Even if they do not cross my property, how can I take my grandchildren for a walk where the lines cross roads or paths? (FV1 - one route is extremely close to our property.)

I65f

Due to the sensitivity of views from this and other scenic byways, all of these roads were included in the assessment of high concern viewers. In regard to the views from both the Nine Mile Canyon Scenic Backway and Reservation Ridge Scenic Backway, which are largely intact with few visible modifications, the Project would result in a high level of visual impacts. All feasible selective mitigation measures were applied to reduce these impacts to the extent practicable.

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Within a short distance from the edges of the right-of-way, the levels of EMF diminish to those commonly encountered in communities. The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.

Comment(s)**Response(s)****I66****Patty Jex**

From: **Patty Jex** <gpjex@comcast.net>
 Date: Thu, Apr 10, 2014 at 4:12 PM
 Subject: Argyle Canyon
 To: GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov

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I am writing to ask the BLM to consider a route other than the Argyle Canyon route for the proposed power lines. Our government seems to have adopted the viewpoint that it can take what it needs from the people with no resistance, and that is wrong. We have enough of the federal government claiming lands in Utah. It's time to protect the rights of land owners. I understand that Rocky Mountain Power has another route they prefer for this project. Please use that route and leave Argyle canyon to be enjoyed by the people who have purchased and cared for the land there. I am not a landowner there, but I am a citizen of Utah, and I would not want my land taken in this way.

I66b

There are of course other reasons for favoring another route, including the dangers of running high power lines through areas where people are living, but the fact that our government can and does take our land from us is my primary concern right now.

I66c

Thank you,

Patty Jex

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Comment and route preference noted.

I66b

Comment and route preference noted.

I66c

Any alternative route or route variation selected for construction would adhere to NESC and Applicant's standard and industries best practices.

The Applicant is aware of concerns regarding possible health risks from EMF; however, no adverse health effects of EMF are conclusively or consistently identified by scientists. As identified in design features of the Proposed Action (Table 2-8, Design Feature 11), the Applicant would continue to follow studies performed on EMF research. The Applicant relies on the findings and conclusions of public health specialists and international scientific organizations, such as the WHO and the ICNIRP, for guidance and guidelines regarding EMF. EMF is discussed in greater detail in Section 3.2.23.


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Neil Jorgensen

4/23/2014 CentraCom Interactive Mail - Attn: Tamara Gertsch

 Diane Jorgensen <daj@cut.net>

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1 message

Diane Jorgensen <daj@cut.net> Wed, Apr 23, 2014 at 2:47 PM
To: daj@cut.net

Name: Neil Jorgensen Date: 4/23/14 Title: President Organization: Skyline Sheep Co. 350 N. State, Mt. Pleasant, Utah 84647

I PROPOSE THE AGENCY ROUTE (THISTLE TO SALT CREEK CANYON....NOT THE HELPER, CARBON COUNTY, ACROSS THE GOOSEBERRY NARROW..TO FAIRVIEW TO NEPHI, UTAH

1. The powerline would cross the Gooseberry Narrows Project with the adjacent RECREATION AREA..
2. It would deface and take the BEAUTY OF THE CANYON..
3. FAIRVIEW CANYON IS A NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC AREA, WHICH MUST BE PRESERVED
4. THE SKYLINE OF THIS MOUNTAIN MAINTAINS MANY CABINS IN THE GOOSEBERRY NARROWS PROJECT..AND HAS MANY RECREATIONAL LAKE AND FISHING AREAS.
5. THE TERRIN IN FAIRVIEW CANYON IS RUGGED, STEEP AND NOT FEASIBLE FOR A POWER LINE AND MAINTAINING SUCH A AREA WOULD BE INFEASIBLE .
6. THE POWERLINE WOULD TAKE AWAY THE ENTIRE PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE OF THE ENTIRE AREA, WHICH IS ENJOY BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TRAVELING THROUGH THIS AREA.
7. IT WOULD DEVALUE THE PROPERTY OF THE CABIN OWNERS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY OF LIVESTOCK LAND OWNERS.
8.. THE POWERLINE WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN THIS AREA, WHICH IS A NATIONAL FOREST..

THEREFORE: I SUPPORT AND REQUEST THE BLM, AS LEAD AGENCY, TO SELECT THE PREFERRED ROUTE OF HIGHWAY 6 AREA, WHERE THERE WOULD BE LESS IMPACT OF THE MOUNTAIN PROPERTY. AND PROTECT THE QUALITIES OF THE FAIRVIEW CANYON.....

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Due to the largely intact landscape character, steep slopes, and dense vegetation in this area along with foreground views from residences and recreation areas, high impacts were assigned along most of this alternative route on the Wasatch Plateau. All feasible selective mitigation measures were applied to reduce these impacts to the extent practicable. Based on high impacts and other resource effects this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

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Additionally, there are 10 residences north of Fairview, Utah, within 0.25 mile of this alternative route that would likely have some impacts on property values. With open views and little vegetation, there could be impacts on property values farther than 0.25 mile from the alternative route. As a result of these high visual impacts and other resource effects, this alternative route was not selected as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

167b

Comment and route preference noted.